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Oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting in Helsinki today, are expected to defer any change in oil prices until the end of the year. This would mean maintaining the reference price at \$29 a barrel, despite oil market scepticism about the exporters' ability to resist price cuts. Page 13

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Hattersley out to 'raise hackles' in campaign

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Roy Hattersley, in an appeal yesterday to many of the lower-paid workers whose votes he needs in the Labour Party leadership contest, advocated an "incomes policy which makes sure that inflation is held down and real earnings are preserved" and which "produces a better deal particularly for the bottom of the incomes scale."

It might be that his destiny during the campaign was to raise a few hackles, he said, "but the idea that free collective bargaining, which is essentially the victory of the strongest, which has left the public sector workers, the agricultural workers, the shopworkers so far behind that that manifestation of the free enterprise system should be a canon of socialism is simply bizarre."

Mr Hattersley said that a credible arrangement with the unions about wages was one essential element lacking from Labour's economic policy at the general election, a policy that was "morally incredible."

The party had been afraid of talking about it, he said, in case someone "parrot-cried" "incomes policy, incomes restraint."

Mr Hattersley, who is generally believed to be some way behind Mr Neil Kinnock in votes pledged or expected, said that the contest was absolutely open.

The best assessment was that Mr Kinnock was substantially ahead in the constituencies, that he himself was slightly ahead among MPs, and that each could be sure of nearly sure of about 10 or 12 per cent of the trade union vote, which represents 40 per cent of the college.

There was 14 or 15 per cent of the trade union vote uncommitted, he said, so it was far more open than Mr Clive Jenkins, a leading trade union

supporter of Mr Kinnock, made out. In his manifesto Mr Hattersley called for changes in party policy and organization. He was scathing about the "pathetically inadequate" organization at the party's London headquarters and the incompetent campaign arrangements.

Labour's economic policy was a net vote loser, he wrote in his manifesto. Their vague hopes of achieving growth through government spending were barely understood and rarely believed.

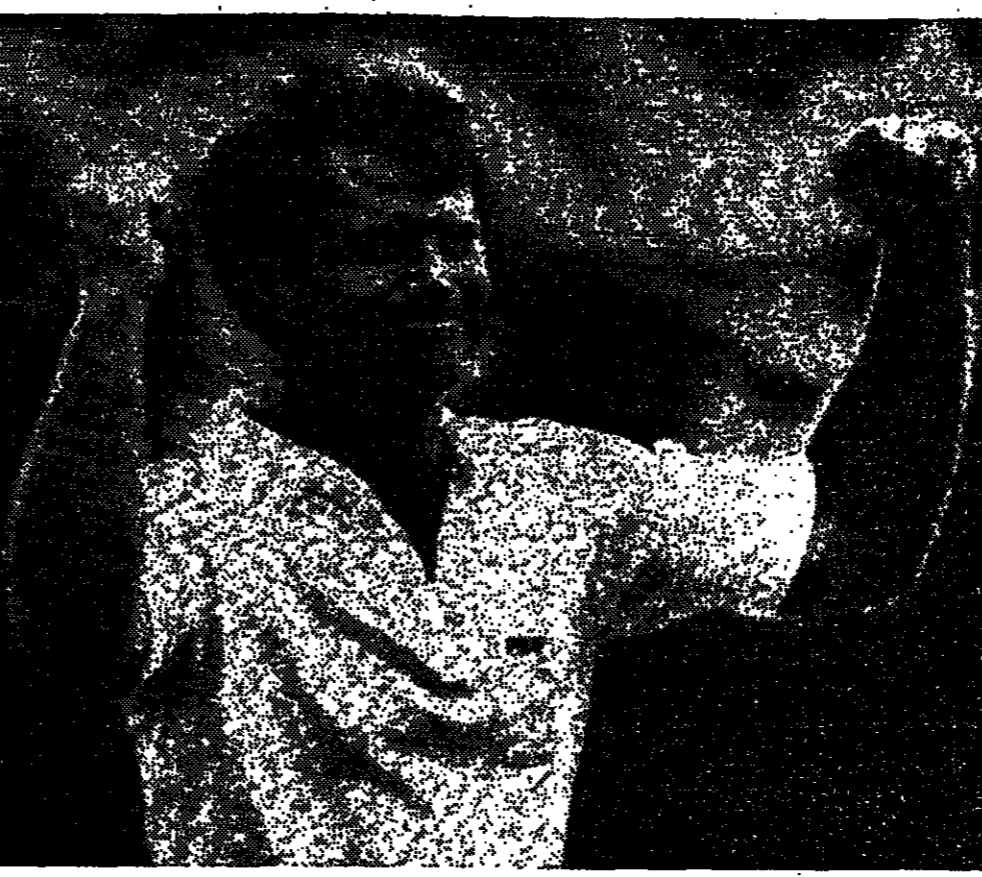
The British people, not being stupid, realized that the whole strategy lacked two essential ingredients: a coherent plan for investment and a scheme to combat inflation.

If they were to respect and trust the people they must begin to listen to their opinions on the policy which lost the party most votes: defence and disarmament. The party's opposition to Cruise and Pershing, and its rejection of Trident, was widely shared. "But the notion that we might give up our nuclear protection if others did not do the same was overwhelmingly rejected."

Mr Kinnock's election address, which he calls his "statement of views", is to be published today. A third candidate, Mr Peter Shore, speaking in Sheffield last night, said that Labour's defeat was because they lost contact with their traditional supporters, and ceased to be the party which millions knew, respected and trusted, and because their energies had been turned not against the Conservative enemy but against themselves.

They must reappraise policies, and see that the "cultural revolution" was over which had sought to "manacle" the next Labour government so that it would not betray the Labour cause.

In the campaign to cleanse and purify the party, he said, no theme was stronger or more poisonous than the charge of betrayal levelled against the party's elected representatives.



Open champion again: Tom Watson, United States, at Royal Birkdale taking the Open Championship for the fifth time. Report, page 19

Helicopter may have hit seagulls

Reason for Sikorsky crash remains a mystery

From Craig Seton, St Mary's

Department of Transport investigators were waiting yesterday for the wreckage of the British Airways Sikorsky 61 helicopter to be lifted from the seabed a mile off the Isles of Scilly to find out why it crashed and sank almost immediately, killing 20 people on board, including eight children.

Six people, two of them children, who were orphaned by the crash, escaped after the aircraft's flotation system apparently failed.

The survivors were rescued by the St Mary's lifeboat after 30 minutes in the water. Early signs indicate that the Sikorsky, flying from Penzance to St Mary's in fog, suffered severe mechanical failure or hit a flock of seagulls at about a hundred feet, plunged out of control and broke up, at least partially, when it hit the sea.

Normally the passenger helicopter would have been able to float in an emergency if it managed to touch down under some power, but the lifeboat, which was first to arrive, found two flotation outriggers into which the undercarriage retracts, floating on the surface.

Mr Matt Lethbridge, co-swain of the lifeboat, yesterday described the scene: "We could not believe it. We expected to see the helicopter floating on the surface. To find half a dozen people floating around in thick fog was really unbelievable."

The survivors, two pilots, two Scilly Isles women and two children, were without life-jackets, suggesting there had been little or no time to prepare for ditching.

Divers are also reported to have found dead and mutilated seagulls floating on the surface, which may have caused the disaster, two minutes flying time away from the heliport on St Mary's.

Air traffic control at St Mary's had lost contact with the aircraft at 12.53 pm and it appeared there had been no time to send a May Day.

The accident was the first since the helicopter service between Penzance and the Scillies began in 1964. More than a million passengers have been carried. At the peak of the holiday season up to 12 flights a day leave Penzance for the popular islands' resorts.

Their cabin attendant Mr Robin Lander, aged 22 from Penzance, died. Both children were in hospital yesterday on the Scilly Isles as four Department of Transport crash investigators arrived.

A Royal Navy Auxiliary ship, The Seaforth Plansman, was above the wreckage of the Sikorsky, 200 feet below the surface, as navy and civilian divers tried to find out how to raise it to the surface.

All hope of finding more survivors has been abandoned. The crash investigators, and an official from British Airways' air safety branch, "debriefed" the two helicopter pilots who survived, Mr Neil Charlton and Mr Dominic Lawlor. They were said to be severely shocked yesterday.

Selloff of coal, rail, post, and electricity urged

From a Staff Reporter

During a week which sees important parliamentary activity concerning the Government's privatization plans for Britain's nationalized industries, an article published by Lloyds Bank Review says that the plans do not go far enough.

The article, written by Professors Michael Beesley and Stephen Littlechild, urges a massive extension of the programme to include electricity, coal, rail and the Post Office.

Today, the second reading of the new Telecommunications Bill takes place and this will empower the Government to make British Telecom a private company and sell off its shares.

BT has assets valued between £10bn to £18bn, and the sale of 51 per cent of its shares is expected to net about £5bn in the biggest privatization exercise so far.

In their argument for further privatization, the professors urge the now-established rationale of consumers benefiting from lower prices and better services, and they made straight into controversy by advising the Government on how to deal with the two problem areas of rail and coal.

They advise the sale of individual coal pits and groups of pits which would weaken union power and lead to the widespread closure of loss-making pits. They concede that a generous redundancy policy would be required.

On rail, the professors envisage sell-offs on a regional or area basis, with the plan for investors being the exploitation of BR's huge tracts of land.

They admit the political unacceptability of the wholesale withdrawal of unprofitable services and suggest that successor companies would have to guarantee "a minimum programme of rail output" to be financed from profits of other activities.

This week British Telecom and the Post Office are reporting their year's profit figures, and both sets are expected to be records - British Telecom at £500m and the Post Office at £136m.

The difficulty which the Government faces with the sale of BT is the sheer volume of stock available and how best to sell it. Some of the options being investigated include overseas sales and direct sales to telephone subscribers. The latter has the added advantage of the Government of making any re-nationalization programme by a succeeding government almost impossible.

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MPs press for stiffer sentences

By Our Political Editor

Pressure on Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, to find and apply new remedies for violent crime is to be maintained by the group of Conservative backbenchers who were active in last week's failed attempt to secure a Commons majority for the reintroduction of the death penalty for murder.

The group, which calls itself the Crime Concern Group, consists of half a dozen new MPs with a nucleus of older members. They first came together informally but have now decided to continue to act together, and they have recruited new members.

Among their number are two former ministers, Mr Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, and Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead and Highgate). The new MPs who belong include Mr David Ames (Basildon), Mr Henry Bellingham (North-West Norfolk), Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East), Mr Terence Dicks (Hayes and Harlington) and Mr Stefan Terent (Cardiff West).

One of their ideas is that a 20-year sentence for murder, if not made mandatory should be imposed unless the judge found and stated that there were exceptional circumstances justifying a lighter sentence.

Torrential rain floods homes

The long dry spell broke with thunderstorms in many parts of England yesterday. Torrential rain flooded homes in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, and storms caused a series of power failures. Mr Douglas Thompson, aged 32, had to leap from a bedroom window after lightning struck his council house in Monk Bretton, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, setting it on fire.

Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Southampton, Salisbury Plain and parts of East Anglia were all hit by storms.

Elsewhere however, temperatures continued in the eighties. Police yesterday recovered the body of a youth who drowned after taking a dip in a flooded quarry at Wick, near Bristol to cool off. Another youth who drowned after getting into difficulties while swimming in the River Thames at Kings Meadow, near Reading, has been named as Kevin Tickner, aged 17, of Apple Close, Purley, Surrey.

A young man from Putney, London, drowned while swimming in a water skiing arena at Thorpe Leisure Park, Surrey, where swimming is banned. Mr Terence Catiff, the park's director, said: "It was a very hot day."

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Leading surgeon dies

Two families among victims

By Rupert Morris

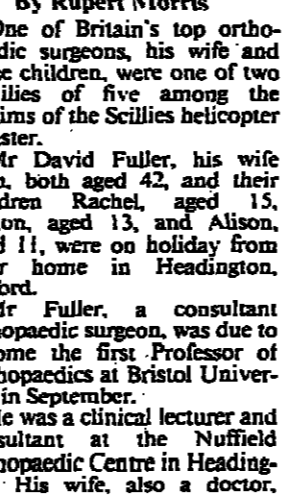
One of Britain's top orthopaedic surgeons, his wife and three children, were one of two families of five among the victims of the Scillies helicopter disaster.

Mr David Fuller, his wife Jean, both aged 42, and their children Rachel, aged 15, Simon, aged 13, and Alison, aged 11, were on holiday from their home in Headington, Oxford.

Mr Fuller, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, was due to become the first Professor of Orthopaedics at Bristol University in September.

He was a clinical lecturer and consultant at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Headington. His wife, also a doctor, worked with the Family Planning Association in Oxford.

Another entire family missing are David Nye, aged 33, his wife Susan, aged 36, and their three daughters, Sophie, aged 10, Susannah, aged eight, and Kirsty, aged five, from Newick, East Sussex.



Mrs Langley-Williams: Graphic account of crash.



Mr Fuller: Orthopaedic surgeon lost with his wife and three children.

The two children to survive the crash both lost their parents. Howard Goddard, aged 12, from Saffron Walden, Essex, lost his parents Ronald, aged

Bride's car hijacked in jailbreak

Bastia, Corsica (AFP) - Four dangerous prisoners have brought off a spectacular escape here, hijacking a wedding car and forcing the bride-to-be to help them.

The escape, which would seem far-fetched in a film, happened in the early afternoon on Saturday. One of the four opened the cell with a key.

Then they spent several hours sawing their way through the prison bars unnoticed. They scaled the outside wall of the prison, a former convent, with a nylon rope bound in rags to avoid rope burns, and slid down 15 yards to freedom.

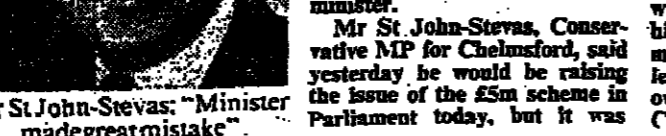
Then they hijacked the wedding car fresh from being decorated at a florist's. The alarm was eventually raised by the young bride-to-be, who had been at the steering wheel.

The most surprising aspect of the affair was that four men with such records should have shared a cell. Christian Leandri, aged 28, and his brother Jacques, aged 29, had been jailed for seven years for a hold-up in Paris. Daniel Casanova, aged 30, a former professional footballer, had been convicted of taking a hostage in March this year, releasing his captive after 12 hours of negotiations.

The fourth man, Constantin Casaglia, aged 24, who had been freed on March 16, had landed back in jail within days charged with the attempted murder of a former partner in crime.

Chicken coup

Chicken is likely to take over from beef as Britain's favourite meat within the next year, Mr Wilson Marshall, chairman of the British Chicken Information Centre, said yesterday.



Mr St John-Stevens: "Minister made great mistake."

Theatre Museum hope revived

By Nicholas Timmins

Hopes that the Theatre Museum planned for Covent Garden in London may yet be saved have risen a few days after the meeting between Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, and a delegation headed by Mr Norman St John-Stevens, the former Conservative arts minister.

Mr St John-Stevens, Conservative MP for Chelmsford, said yesterday he would be raising the issue of the £5m scheme in Parliament today, but it was plain that "the minister is having second thoughts".

The scheme was scrapped earlier this month as part of the Government's emergency package of spending cuts, but Lord Gowrie has since said he hopes to make the museum a priority for the next financial year.

Pressure mounts in TUC for unions to reconsider Labour link

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Pressure is growing at the top of the TUC for trade unions to break their strong traditional links with the Labour Party.

Mr Alistair Graham, leader of Britain's largest Civil Service union, has added his voice to that of Mr Frank Chapple, right-wing TUC chairman, in the call for greater independence from the movement's "political arm".

Mr Graham, who is also a leading member of the TUC General Council, said yesterday that he detects enthusiasm among some union leaders for a "reappraisal". However, he will encounter strong and possibly overwhelming opposition.

He implied that Labour could well lose the next general election in five years and under current union policies the movement would be condemned to a narrow sphere of political influence.

His union, the Civil and Public Services Association, is putting forward a motion for the TUC's annual conference in October drawing attention to the fact that only 39 per cent of trade unionists voted Labour in the last election, compared with 55 per cent in October, 1974. More skilled workers voted

to restore the confidence of working people.

The motion calls for the preparation of two documents for consideration at a special conference.

One paper would state the "principles of modern trade unionism" which would seek to attract young members. The second document would outline the measures needed for the movement to prosper in the current anti-trade union environment.

Mr Graham, whose union is to hold a ballot on whether it should affiliate with the party, said: "It is the high political profile of many trade unions which has put people off. The vast bulk of us want to concentrate on industrial matters."

He said the movement should be prepared to work more closely with outside pressure groups with which there was natural sympathy and with others which were not normally associated with trade unions.

The left wing, as personified by Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, should be "utterly rejected", he said.



Mr Graham: "Concentrate on industrial matters".

Women's pay 'falling further behind'

By Our Labour Reporter

Urgent action is needed to halt the widening wage gap between men and women, according to the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCCL).

The council's rights for women unit is to publish a model parliamentary Bill which would allow women whose work is not "broadly similar" to that of male colleagues to achieve equality.

Current legislation, as well as a government amendment following a European Court ruling, would make such parity impossible to achieve, the unit says.

The key concept in the unit's Bill is equal pay for work of equal value. Several countries such as the Irish Republic and the United States have already included a relevant clause in their legislation. Miss Jo Morris, the NCCCL's women's rights officer, said: "We do not think the Government is seriously interested in enacting legislation which will help women to overcome their low pay in relation to men."

The European Court decision has resulted in a draft order being laid before Parliament, but only 90 minutes has been set aside for debate and it is "unworkable and sets up a series of obstacles for a woman taking her case to a tribunal", according to Miss Morris.

She added: "The Government is not only making it unnecessarily difficult for a

2,000 hunt in vain for missing girl

By Our Labour Reporter

A search by police and 2,000 volunteers yesterday failed to provide any clues to the whereabouts of Caroline Hogg, aged five, missing from her Edinburgh home for 10 days.

In the biggest search of its kind ever mounted in Scotland many of yesterday's volunteers were going over ground already covered in a similar operation last Sunday. Parks and gardens were checked in greater detail, and new ground was covered, up to four miles inland from the promenade at Portobello.

Caroline Hogg, of Portobello, was last seen on July 8 at a fairground with a man who treated her to a merry-go-round

Holiday deaths inquiry sought

MPs plan to investigate allegations that 18 British tourists have been killed by faulty gas equipment in holiday homes on the Algarve, Portugal.

Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West, and a convener of the new all-party backbench safety committee, said yesterday he was proposing that the committee should take evidence and seek information on the deaths as its first project.

New chairman for Observer

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, is to become chairman of *The Observer* in succession to Mr Robert Anderson, who told the Monopolies Commission when Lonrho acquired the newspaper that he would occupy the position for at least two years. That term expired a few weeks ago.

Horsebox door kills motorist

Mr Kenneth Gandy, aged 44, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, was killed yesterday in an accident involving a horse box. He was driving his car along a road in North Baddesley, Hampshire, when a metal side door of the horse box, which was travelling in the opposite direction, flew open and struck Mr Gandy after smashing the windscreen of his car.

Tussaud's raid

Scotland Yard was yesterday hunting two armed robbers who paid their entrance fees to Madame Tussaud's waxworks in London on Saturday and walked out with about £10,000 in takings stolen from cashiers.

Python censored

The Monty Python film, *The Meaning of Life*, has been banned in the Irish Republic by the Censors Appeal Committee.

Thunderstorms bring floods to end dry spell

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scout leader and driver, also from Haddon Road, was also badly scalded. Brian Shipway, aged 30, a scout helper, of Shireland, Cey Wood, had his arms, legs and chest scalded. He was said to be in a lot of pain in hospital last night.

The motoring organizations reported a big increase in breakdown calls, mostly from people whose cars had overheated as millions of motorists took to the roads. Extremely heavy traffic was reported on all major routes, but especially on motorways leading to the coast.

Holidaymakers were caught up in a three-mile queue at the Tamar Bridge, Plymouth. On the A30 at Okehampton traffic tailed back for eight miles.



Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, laying a wreath at the grave of James Hammet, one of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, after he had marched with agricultural labourers in Dorset yesterday.

'Framed' man demands inquiry after 34 months in jail

Carrying his prison mementoes in a cardboard box and crying, John Anthony Twomey left the Central Criminal Court on Saturday, freed for the first time in 17 months, when he was cleared of armed robberies.

After being reunited with his wife Lillian and their two sons at a secret address in the country he was planning to ask the Home Secretary to order a full investigation into his case, which goes back six years.

During that time Mr Twomey, a bricklayer aged 34 from Paddington, west London, has been held at Brixton prison for 34 "agonising and soul-destroying months" charged with crimes with which he steadfastly denies any connection.

"I have now been fitted up and framed on two occasions", Mr Twomey said yesterday.

Mr Twomey, who had given evidence to the Operation Countryman police corruption inquiry, added: "But for the strong-minded and conscientious jury who refused to swallow the lies I would probably have got a 20-year sentence. I am taking my wife and family away from this country just as soon as I can get the money together."

Mr Twomey said that the Metropolitan Police had recently made him a cash offer - believed to be a five-figure sum - as a settlement for the 17 months he spent in custody after his arrest in 1977 on bank robbery charges. He claimed that two sawn-off shotguns and a £10 note from the robbery had been "planted" at his flat. At his trial the prosecution offered no evidence.

He said yesterday: "If I stay in England I know they are going to fit me up again or even kill me. I have no future here."

Mr Twomey had been on trial since January, charged with four armed robbery and five firearms offences. He was cleared by a jury in March on two of the counts. But they failed to agree on the remaining charges arising out of two robberies at Stonebridge Park underground station, and a retrial was ordered.

On Saturday, after a three-

Cleaning tenders to go ahead

By Nicholas Timmins

The Government is to go ahead with its plans to put National Health Service domestic, catering and laundry services out to private tender, despite bitter opposition from the unions and the Labour Party.

A circular telling health authorities how to obtain tenders and to compare them with in-house costings is to be issued shortly, Mr John Patten, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, said yesterday.

The plans, first outlined in February, have provoked fierce criticism from the health service unions, but Mr Patten said that Ministry of Defence hospitals had made real savings on cleaning contracts, and tenders for NHS hospitals in Redhill, Surrey, and Maidstone, Kent, were each about £100,000 less than in-house cost estimates.

Mr Patten said that the white collar union the National and Local Government Officers Association, had claimed it knew of 20 examples where using outside contractors did not work.

Falklands hazard reduced Operation minefield advances

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The operation to clear minefields around Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands has been substantially reduced in recent months.

Areas totalling over 80 sq km which last November were still thought to contain minefields, have been declared free of mines. That has reduced by well over half the area within 20 to 25 km of Stanley which was thought to contain mines.

In addition, the Royal Engineers have made progress in methods of detecting the mines. Of about ten types of mine which were laid in the Falklands by the Argentines, there is thought to be only one type which cannot be reliably detected. That type probably accounts for under 10 per cent of the mines laid.

After the recapture of the Falklands last year, attempts at clearing minefields were suspended once the immediate vicinity of Stanley and the airfield had been declared safe. That was because there were many plastic mines which could not readily be detected, and because the conditions of the Falklands did not favour the

of detection. Many of the mines are lying in soggy peat.

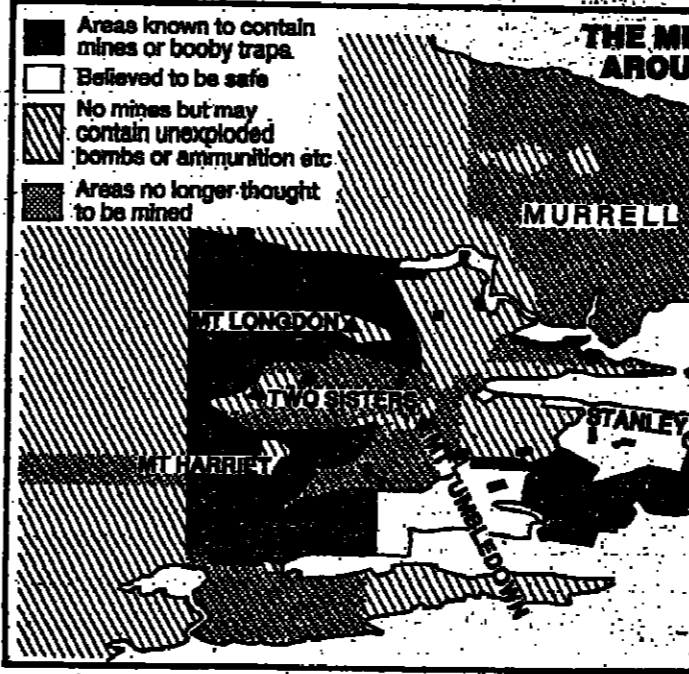
It was decided that risks which might have been tolerated while the fighting was on were not acceptable when the conflict had ceased, and that clearance would not be resumed until means had been devised of detecting the mines with a high degree of reliability.

In the meantime, large areas in the east of East Falkland were fenced off as containing minefields, as also were smaller areas in other parts of the islands.

It has been possible greatly to reduce the area of supposed minefields. That is, largely because captured Argentine maps of the minefields have proved much more reliable and comprehensive than was originally thought.

Also, in some areas the presence of numbers of animals, whose deaths had been originally attributed to mines, have on examination, been found to have died from wounds inflicted by hand weapons, probably Argentine soldiers taking pot-shots at them.

The largest area to be



Rioters pelt RUC men with 350 fire bombs

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Masked youths pelted Royal Ulster Constabulary officers with about 350 petrol bombs during more than four hours of rioting in Londonderry on Saturday night.

Trouble broke out in Rossville and William street, where police have been attacked with stones and petrol bombs after public houses closed. Several rounds of plastic bullets were fired to disperse the crowd after a building was set on fire and police vehicles scorched by bombs. There were no reports of injuries.

Tension in the city increased after Roman Catholic families were intimidated in their homes in Donemana by a "loyalist" mob after an IRA land mine killed four members of the Ulster Defence Regiment last week.

Roman Catholic youths retaliated by petrol-bombing the only Protestant housing estate on the predominantly Roman Catholic side of Londonderry. Saturday's rioting was seen as a continuation of that incident.

The attack on the "loyalist" Fountain Estate was condemned by Mr Martin McGuinness, Provisional Sinn Fein assembly man for the city, who described it as "anti-republican and stupid."

A 400 lb bomb intended to be used against security forces was discovered on Saturday. Home-made explosives packed into an oil drum were found under a bridge near Swatragh, co Londonderry. A commando wire led to a vantage point near by.

A police constable aged 18 was said to be comfortable in hospital yesterday after he was shot in the stomach as he directed traffic arriving for the Castlewellan show in co Down on Saturday. The gunman held a family hostage overnight and then escaped in their car.

A Provisional IRA attack on the Springfield Road Army and police base in west Belfast on Friday failed after a missile went out of control. It hit railings around a house, a parked van and kerb before smashing the rear window of a parked car, ricocheting across the road and passing through the upstairs window of a house and landing in a bedroom.

A woman in the house was not injured and the base was not damaged in the attack, which was described by the police as "totally irresponsible".

A police spokesman said yesterday that the Provisional IRA had claimed the missile was an anti-tank weapon, but they were still investigating. The missile was not the type used by the IRA in similar attacks.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, has been granted a visa to enter the United States on condition that he avoids involvement in politics. Mr Paisley is to attend a religious conference in South Carolina after being given a visa valid to the end of next month.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Is the Alliance to throw away the chance with which it emerged from the election? It was fewer seats than it had hoped, but with a quarter of the total vote it has the longest prospect of possibly replacing Labour as the principal opposition to the Conservatives. For that to happen, however, two conditions would have to be fulfilled. Labour would have to continue to look inward, to be preoccupied with the requirements of its own activists rather than with those of the voters; and the Alliance would have to avoid making the same mistake. It would have to convince the electorate that it was a serious political force.

The evidence of the Liberal Council at Chester on Saturday, the first opportunity for Liberals to get together nationally after the election, was not altogether reassuring. The issue over which the council got most excited was the support given by leading figures in the party to the Social Democrat who stood as the Alliance candidate in Liverpool Broadgreen in the election, rather than to the Liberal candidate who stood in defiance of the party leaders.

After a closely contested private debate, the council refrained from censuring the party's president, but none the less deplored the actions of "certain prominent Liberals". It was a perfect example of an obsession with the past, with the party's internal affairs and with a narrow approach to the Alliance.

Potentially traumatic

The far more important question on the agenda at Chester was how the Alliance should contest next year's European elections, a subject which will also be discussed at the SDP National Council today. This issue matters, partly because it will be extremely damaging to the Alliance's public reputation if there is bitter squabbling over who should fight which seat, and partly because whatever arrangement is made may have long-term implications for the future relationship of the two parties.

The Liberals want joint selection of candidates for the European elections, so that in every constituency all paid-up members of the Liberal and Social Democratic parties should be able to decide together who should represent them. This would avoid the potentially traumatic and certainly time-consuming process of dividing up the seats between the two parties; it would accord with the wishes of many Social Democrats as well as Liberals at local level; and it would both symbolize the unity of the two parties and help to draw them still closer together.

But a number of Social Democrats are wary of being sucked too closely into the Liberal orbit. They do not want the parties to be merged and see joint selection as a stalking horse for a merger. The new party leader, Dr David Owen, has made it clear that while he favours close collaboration between the two parties, he wants to preserve their separate identities.

He sees proportional representation as the principal objective of the Alliance, recognises that once it is achieved there would no longer be the same electoral imperative for the two parties to operate as a single force, and believes that under PR they could be most effective as separate entities, true to their own natures, but as natural coalition partners.

There is logical force in this argument, but I believe it ignores certain political realities. It concentrates too much on how the parties should conduct themselves under PR, and too little on how they can secure the power without which they will never have PR. It assumes greater differences between them than is evident to the electorate or, indeed, to many members of both parties who are eager to join forces at local level. Above all, it takes too little account of the public expectation that they will operate to all intents and purposes as a single political force.

This does not mean that they would be wise to have a formal merger now.

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Women's hopes of having babies 'ruined in pelvic surgery'

A leading micro-surgeon has accused colleagues who use conventional techniques of ruining women's hopes of having babies.

Mr Robert Winston, who runs the infertility clinic at Hammersmith Hospital, London, called for higher standards of surgery during operations to relieve pelvic pain.

His warning is based on a study of 108 patients who were referred to the Hammersmith hospital with tubal damage during three months in 1979.

Mr Winston said: "Micro-surgery would prevent damage."

Woman of 73 dies year after mugging

Miss Nora Hussey, aged 73, has died of her injuries a year after she was attacked by teenagers.

She did not recover from the spine damage she suffered when she was knocked to the ground as she fed the birds in Church Bank, near Bradford Cathedral. She never walked again after the attack.

Mr Neville Higgs, administrator at Calverley Hospital, Bradford, said yesterday: "She died late on Saturday and it was apparent that the injuries she sustained in the assault last year had a permanent effect. We have reported the death to the coroner. It is for him to decide how she died."

One of the nurses said: "She was a very brave lady. This is a terrible tragedy."

Miss Hussey, of Tyne Street, Bradford, was attacked on one of her daily trips to feed the birds. Two youths tried to snatch her handbag and as she struggled with them she was knocked over.

She said after the attack: "There was only a couple of pounds in the bag but they tried to steal it. They were cowards."

Last December at Bradford Crown Court, two youths, aged 16 and 17 were sent to Borstal after admitting attempted robbery. The older youth also admitted causing grievous bodily harm.

The police said last week: "We do not yet know if there is a possibility of further charges being brought."

CND rally will call for arms freeze

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is to make a call for a freeze on nuclear weapons one of the key themes for its big London demonstration planned for October.

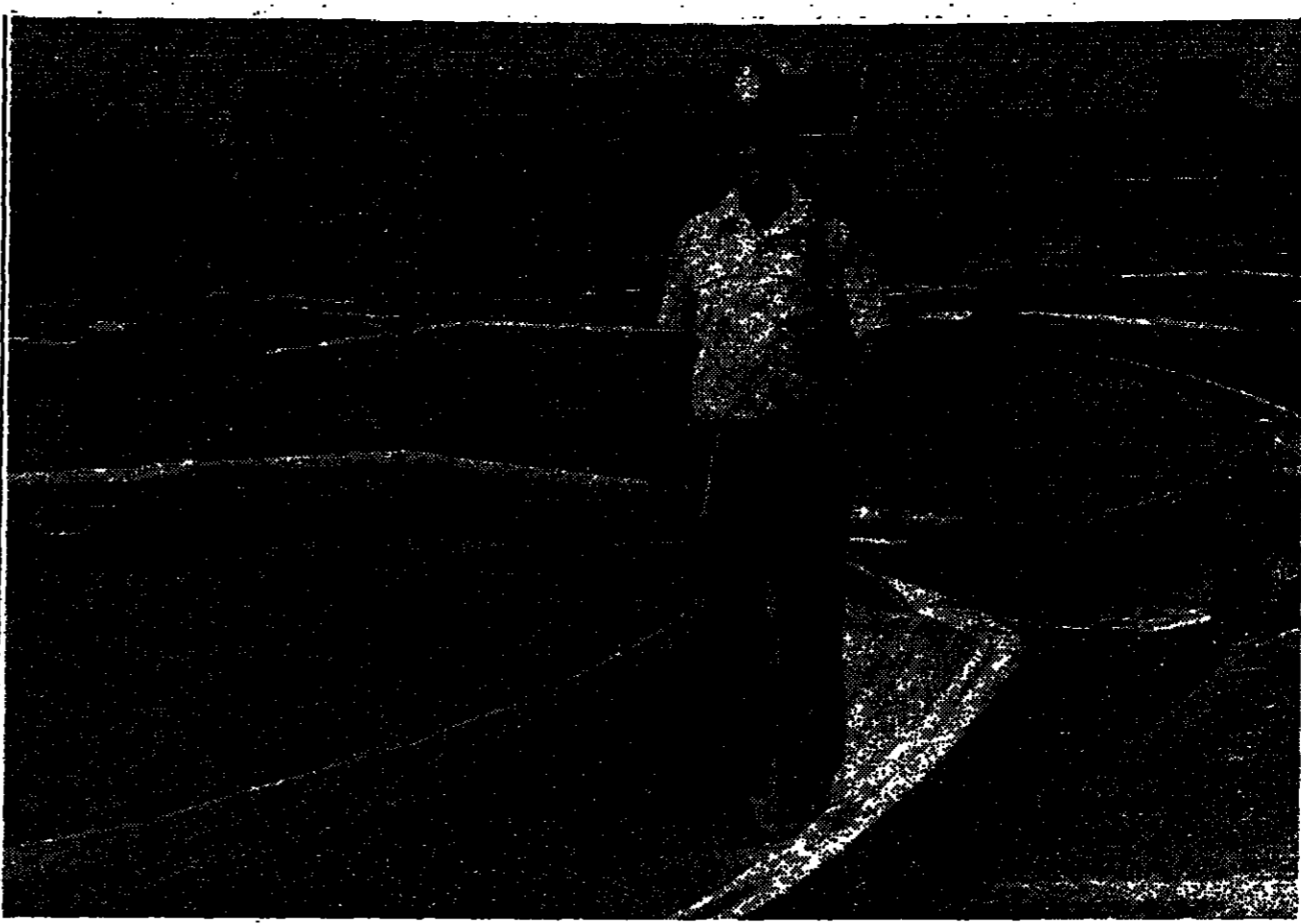
With the general election result having provided a big setback for the campaign, CND is emphasizing to its local groups that a big turnout in October is needed to restore momentum. Stickers asking "Where will you be on October 22?" to be followed by stickers urging people to "Be in London" are being distributed.

At the national council meeting at the weekend, the campaign decided to broaden the themes from opposition to cruise and Trident, to focus on the freeze movement, which has been gathering support in the United States, and to take in opposition to the new Tornado aircraft which have a nuclear capability.

Mr Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, said yesterday: "We are doing our best to broaden our base to involve people who are concerned about the freeze. There are a lot of people who may not have got into the precise arguments about cruise, Trident and SS-20s, but who see the urgent need to stop the escalation of nuclear weapons at all levels. CND should be reaching out to people who may not agree with us from A to Z, but do agree from A to K."

Support for a freeze did not imply any lessening in opposition to Trident and to cruise missiles which are due to be deployed in Britain by the end of the year, as they would be covered by a freeze, he said.

CND would support both the United Nations' Association's proposals for a multilateral freeze, and the United States freeze movement which wants a bilateral negotiated freeze between the superpowers, but which has also opposed cruise and Pershing as a first step, and individual steps to freeze nuclear weapon deployment.



Lonely lot: PC Mackleworth, the Dixon of the dock scene, goes about his duty on the 480 acre patch which is the centre of redevelopment by the London Dockland Development Corporation. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

PC on the beat where no one lives

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

P.C. Colin Mackleworth is a Metropolitan Police home beat officer, one of those tiny fencers at the end of the long arm of the law sent out into the streets in increasing numbers to find or rebuild relationships with the public.

But working a few miles east of Scotland Yard PC 278H has a beat unlike any other in London or perhaps Britain. No-one lives on PC Mackleworth's beat - unless the growing population of fish at his feet and birds above his head count.

His beat is the 480 walled acres of what used to be the West India, Millwall and Poplar docks which span the Isle of Dogs in London's East End. It is now the centre of

redevelopment by the London Dockland Development Corporation.

On a hot summer's day PC Mackleworth paces Herons Wharf as a water skier swishes past in what was the export section of the West India Dock. Helicopters chatter overhead bringing visitors from an inquiry into road plans. Port of London barges, now redundant, are moored near by and a huge carp idles beneath them among shoals of other fish.

The constable first crossed the threshold of West India Dock's number one gate last December, entering what is still private property until the great walls of the early nineteenth-century docklands

come down. Senior officers at Limehouse decided it would be a worthwhile investment to introduce a police presence as the face of the docks began to change.

P.C. Mackleworth, aged 37, with 11 years' experience, admits he was less than keen to exchange the normal life of policing on ordinary streets for the potentially lonelier life of the docks. A hive of construction work, his beat threw up mud in winter and dust in summer.

The area includes new developments for small businesses, Billingsgate Market moved downstream from its old site, and large-scale developments which are being built. Between 9am and 5pm

there may be thousands of people working in the docks but at twilight the place is left to its ghosts and water rats.

P.C. Mackleworth tends to work a day shift, getting to know local firms as they set up, liaising with security men and his colleagues on the other side of the walls.

His writ is somewhat limited. He can, and has, made arrests, two to date, but he can do nothing about driving offences because the roads are still private.

He has pulled his first corpse from the grey water, using a borrowed dinghy, and there are signs that the docks could present criminal problems in time.

Museum to waive fee for jobless

Unemployed fathers and their families are to be given free admission to the Museum of Army Transport at Beverley, Yorkshire for two weeks, starting today.

The ruling was made by Colonel Teddy Penn, the museum's director, after three children were caught climbing in through a window. They told him their unemployed fathers could not afford to take them to the museum, which opened last month. Colonel Penn said: "These children explained why so many youngsters try to sneak in."

Javelin pierces girl's skull

Samatha Altherton, aged 13, of Lowfields Avenue, Eastham, Merseyside, is critically ill in Walton Hospital, Liverpool, after a javelin pierced her skull during a school sports day.

A safety officer and a physical education inspector will today investigate the accident, which occurred at Wirral Grammar School for Girls on Friday.

Boy saves friend from well

Nicky Anderson, aged 9, of Newland Crescent, Radford, Nottingham, saved his friend Anthony Wright, also aged nine, after he fell into five feet of water at the bottom of a well on a level allotment at Radford on Saturday.

Victims' holiday

Ten elderly victims of crime in Liverpool are to receive a week's holiday at the seaside at Hunstanton, Norfolk, paid for by the proceeds of a Hunstanton church festival.

Bus burnt out

Forty passengers escaped unhurt from a double-deck bus which caught fire on the A10 at Southey, Norfolk, on Saturday. The bus was burnt out.

Blazing victim went back for friend

Mr Glyn Williams, aged 37, as being hailed yesterday as a hero after an explosion at an aluminium powder works in Holyhead, Anglesey, on Saturday night.

After the blast tore apart the complex of buildings and started fires, Mr Williams, his clothes alight, went back into the blazing factory to look for a friend.

But his workmate, Mr Jack Targreaves, had made his escape. Last night they were in adjoining beds in the Bangor hospital suffering from burns. The men had been on the late shift at the Alpoeco aluminium plant, which produces powder

Armed drugs squad officers arrest 40

From A Correspondent, Cheltenham

Police officers are investigating an alleged international drugs smuggling operation based in a Cotswold village.

Up to 40 arrests were made on Saturday by drugs squad officers, many wearing bullet-proof jackets and carrying handguns, after a raid on the Moreton Valece Garage at Moreton Valece, Gloucestershire. Other arrests were made at the same time elsewhere in Gloucestershire and in Avon and a quantity of drugs were seized.

One of those being questioned is Mr David Palmer, aged 38, who runs a garage adjoining an old airstrip where he keeps a light aircraft which he uses for business trips to Ireland. The police brought their own helicopter to the airstrip.

Mr Palmer also operates an

export business to the Bahamas. Last night Gloucestershire police were refusing to say very much about the operation, which had taken three weeks of planning by regional crime squad officers and customs men.

Chief Insp Ronald Johns said: "A number of arrests have been made following an investigation into the importing of drugs."

Among those being questioned is Miss Wendy Nicholls, Mr Palmer's girlfriend. People in Moreton Valece had not seen Mr Palmer for a week before the raid.

Last night the telephone at the garage was being manned by a police officer. Two others stood outside guarding the property.

Kelly group plan court protest

Supporters of the "Free Dennis Kelly" campaign will demonstrate outside Liverpool Crown Court today as part of their protest against the life sentence imposed on Kelly for the murder of Mr Billy Osu.

Mr Alan Drummond, a campaign committee member, said yesterday of the damage caused to a green at the Royal Birkdale golf club on Saturday: "We do not condone people vandalizing the golf course and we do not know who did it. We have to abide by the law, but people are determined to prove his innocence."

Solicitors acting for Kelly, of Duncombe Road, South Garston, Liverpool, are appealing against conviction on the grounds of misdirection by Mr Justice Caulfield.

Kelly, aged 33, unemployed, was jailed five weeks ago. Mr Osu, aged 38, from Admiral Road, Toxteth, was stabbed after a brawl.

Comedian's clothes fail to amuse

Billy Connolly, the comedian, has been judged by the Mr Harry tailoring company to be one of Britain's worst dressed public figures.

The company said that Mr Connolly's dress sense, like his humour, had lots of shock appeal. Mr Harry also criticized Patrick Moore, the astronomer, William Rushton, the humorist, Ian Botham, the cricketer, Harry Secombe, the entertainer, Jim Davidson, the comedian, and Clive James, the journalist.

The company said Mr Rushton seemed to "revel in his scruffiness", Mr Botham believed "that real men do not bother about their clothes", Mr Secombe had lost weight but had not bought a new wardrobe, the styles of Mr Davidson and Mr James were out of date, while Mr Moore's jackets were too small.

The nominations for the best dressed men were the television presenter, Michael Aspel, Steve Davis, the snooker player, Terry Wogan, the disc jockey, Sandy Gall, the newsreader, Ernie Wise, the comedian, Russell Harty, the television presenter, Sir Robin Day.



Billy Connolly

Gallery design loses curves

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Curves in the design for the national Gallery extension have been straightened out in plans to be put before the gallery's trustees today. If the new version is approved it will be studied closely by developers who backed one of the main losers in the design contest.

"We hear that the doughnut is gone", Mr Martyn Crogan, director of the London Land Investment and Property

Company, said yesterday. His company supported the design from Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of Chicago.

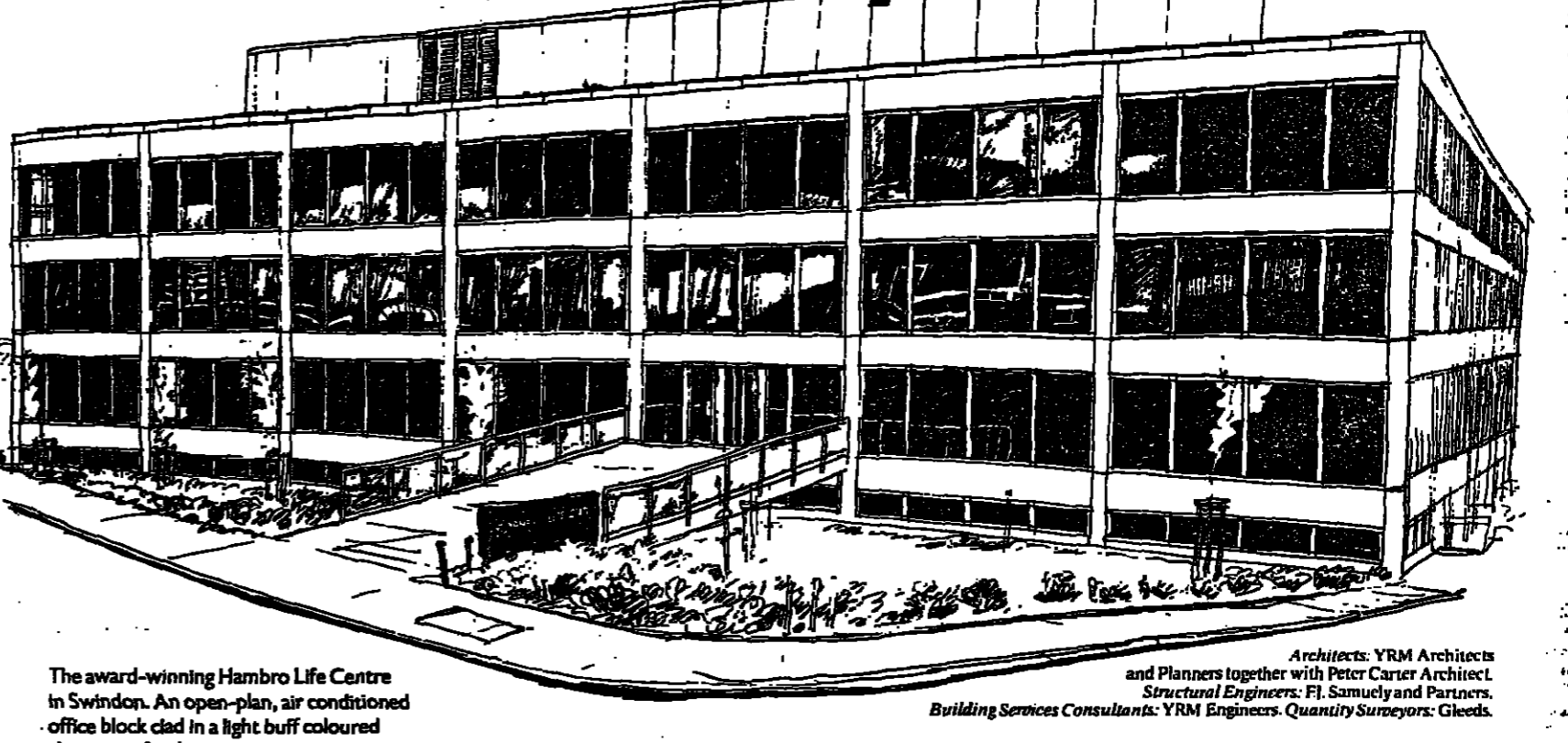
All designs were rejected in a controversial competition organised last year by the Government's Property Services Agency. The London-based entrants Abroads, Barton and Karalek, were told to design a new version closer to the gallery's demands for a "basilica-like" structure for the

vacant site next to the present gallery in Trafalgar Square.

Senior staff of Abroads and the gallery have worked for many months on a new design and have made visits to modern galleries abroad.

London Land said it will sue Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, for costs and estimated profit lost through its rejection in the competition.

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Canadian peace groups up in arms over decision on cruise tests

From John Best, Ottawa

Peace and disarmament groups have declared war against the Canadian Government's decision to permit the testing of American cruise missiles in north-western Canada.

The issue apparently provoked a lively debate in Mr Trudeau's Cabinet, some members were known to be against the testing.

The arrangement will last five years, though Canada has the right to veto any particular test.

Security breakthrough at Madrid

Question of which side gained more must wait

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Delegates at the European security review conference are waiting to see if Malta at today's plenary continues delaying tactics or whether they can all signal to their foreign ministers to come here for the concluding session.

Reagan says accord is step forward

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan has announced that the US will sign the Madrid European security conference agreement "with the hope that it will serve as a step toward achieving our objective of a more stable and constructive relationship with the Soviet Union".

In the East who seek a more free, just and secure life.

Shcholkov case tests 'Brezhnevite' strength

From Richard Owen, Moscow

An impending decision on the fate of one of the late President Brezhnev's senior ministers will be a test of the influence still wielded by leading "Brezhnevites" in Mr Yuri Andropov's regime.

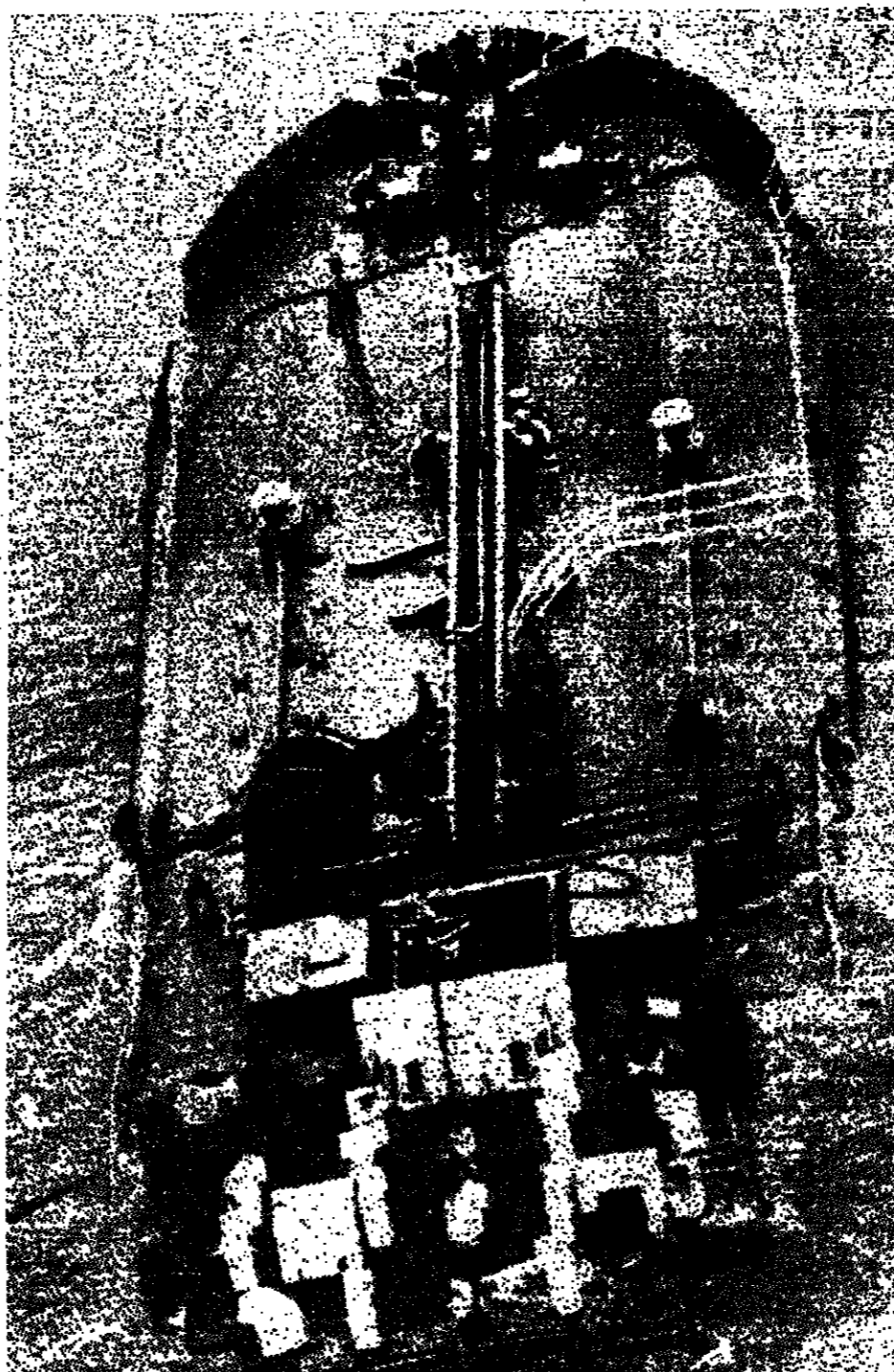
Mr Shcholkov, who is 72, climbed up the party ladder with Mr Brezhnev and was one of his closest associates for several decades.

Belgium splits in headlong slide to bankruptcy

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The debt-bedecked Belgian Government has spent the weekend struggling to find a way of paying for 1984. It is having to work overtime to prepare for next year's crucial budget.

Wallonia, has been bankrupt since April. Rubbish is piling dangerously in the streets because local government employees have been put on the breadline wage of £35 a week while the left-wing city council tries to negotiate a £550m loan from the central Government to bail it out.



Typhoon victim: Wreck of the Philippines oil tanker Malitan lies in Manila Bay after running aground during Typhoon Vera, which claimed at least 52 lives.

Chouf war menaces sea resort

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The latest round of fighting between Phalangist and Druze militiamen in the hills above Beirut grew more intense last night as salvos of rockets, fired from high up in the Chouf mountains, exploded along the coastal highway north of the capital.

Pessimism over Contadora talks

From John Carlin, Cancun, Mexico

The presidents of the Contadora group - Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama - began a day of talks yesterday in an atmosphere of mystery as to the agenda of the hastily arranged meeting.

Military sources in Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, announced at the start of the weekend that 10 army battalions had been posted to the country's northern border in anticipation of a big military push from Honduran territory by right-wing rebels bent on overthrowing the four-year old Sandinista regime.

Chouf war menaces sea resort

When the first rockets landed around the Christian resort of Jounieh, the Phalangist "capital", sunbathers fled the Mediterranean beaches while Beirut radio stations warned motorists to keep off the northern highways.

Pessimism over Contadora talks

There was little expectation, however, that a significant breakthrough would be made towards their main objective of peace in Central America.

Pessimism over Contadora talks

Increasingly shrill warnings have been voiced in Honduras and Nicaragua in recent weeks that the conflict on their borders, which has claimed more than 1,000 lives so far this year, is about to escalate into full-scale war.

Koch to defend racial record

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

An investigation today into charges of police brutality in New York will also be a test of the racial attitudes of the police force and of the Mayor of New York, Mr Edward Koch.

The mayor and senior police officers will testify at a congressional hearing in the predominantly black district of Harlem.

The police will defend their record, pointing to strict rules governing the use of guns by policemen and their tough handling of cases of racial abuse.

Mr Koch believes the hearing will be used by political opponents as a way of getting at him. In defending the police, he will also have to defend himself. He is seen by some black leaders as unsympathetic to the black community and his relationships with some of them have not been happy.

Mr Koch, who is an outspoken man, says he makes a point of treating blacks and whites alike. His critics say this attitude has not helped him to get on with black leaders. In reply, he says he is "truly sorry" if he has given offence.

Although the hearing will have to deal with allegations and cases, the background is one of perceptions. The police recognize that in the black community, their image is as important as the reality.

The police are worried that the investigation could stir up feelings. Mr Robert McGuire, the police Commissioner, said he was scared that this might happen.

Both the police and Mr Koch agree there have been instances of police brutality against blacks, but they deny there is any systematic oppression.

A tenth of New York's 24,000 police officers are black. Half the city's seven million people are black or Hispanic.

Also under scrutiny at the hearing will be police crime-fighting policies. Most crime occurs in black and Hispanic areas and there are strong demands for the police to crack down.

There is an argument about what constitutes "necessary force". The Commissioner says the police are "aggressive and assertive" in wanting to "retrain the streets".

But, he adds, many policemen are young and inexperienced.

The hearing arises from allegations by a black minister that he was beaten by policemen who stopped his car and demanded to see his licence.

Complaints against the police in New York increased last year, but complaints of incidents in which injury occurred declined.

The police will show how strong they are in disciplining policemen and one fact that will be put is that New York police shoot people far less than most big city police forces in the United States.

Asala threatens further violence

From Reuters

Armenian guerrillas have threatened fresh bloodshed in an unnamed country two days after the bomb attack at Orly airport in Paris that killed six people.

A telephone caller to a news agency here, saying he represented the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (Asala), which claimed responsibility for the Paris blast, threatened more bloodshed if three arrested colleagues were not released within three days.

In Ankara, President Evren of Turkey called at the weekend for international cooperation against Armenian guerrillas. Commenting on the Orly explosion, he said: "Armenian terrorism... This last massacre proves how evil this terrorism is for all humanity."

Angolan rebels offered amnesty

Lusaka (AFP) - The Angolan Government has declared a general amnesty for all UNITA and Frelimo guerrillas in and outside the country, according to a senior Angolan official visiting Zambia.

Mr Celestino Shimhamo, of the Central Committee of the ruling MPLA, made the announcement at a press conference in Solwezi. His government was ready to receive "with open arms" any dissident who returns to Angola, he said.

Foetus failure

Melbourne - The Australian woman implanted with an embryo which had been frozen for four months has lost it 24 weeks after the implant.

Professor Karl Wood, head of the fertilization team, said the death was not likely to be connected with the method of pregnancy. Another attempt was proposed.

Diving death

The 21-year-old Soviet diver, Sergei Shallobashvili (above), who struck his head on the diving board while attempting a backward somersault with three and a half turns, has died after seven days in a coma. He had been taking part in the World University Games in Edmonton, Canada.



Hanoi (AFP) - Vietnamese archaeologists have discovered the mummified and lacquered body of a Buddhist monk, believed to date from the seventeenth century. They said the preservation method - two layers of lacquer over the body, embedded with its organs - had not been known before.

Pagoda mummy

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Prince booted

Newport, Rhode Island (AFP) - Three hundred Irish-Americans booted Prince Andrew here on Saturday night when he arrived under heavy guard for a reception in his honour. The Prince leaves today for a three-week holiday in Canada.

Golden touch

Peking (AFP) - Six peasants in Hunan province, central China, have discovered a gold nugget weighing more than 3.3lb and received a reward of 22,200 yuan (more than £7,000). It was found 500ft from where other peasants found a bigger nugget last month.

Delayed action

Berlin (AP) - Police have speculated that the heat could have set off a British bomb that was buried under a street since the Second World War, the explosion on Saturday damaged 70 homes in the Buckow district, but there were no injuries.

Somali claim

Nairobi - The Somali Government claimed that Ethiopian forces carried out an attack across the border in central Somalia at the weekend, advancing about three miles before being driven back with heavy losses.

Bad timing

Tiberias (AFP) - An 83-year-old man here allowed police to destroy a suspiciously ticking package, only to learn it contained a gold watch, his reward for banking 40 years at the National Bank of Israel.



Back in the saddle: The Lipizzaner stud farm, at the Austrian village of Piber, reopens after being closed for nearly five months by an outbreak of herpes which killed eight brood mares and 31 foals.

Soviet fears prompted invasion

The Soviet Union went into Afghanistan because it feared a US invasion of Iran following the Shah's downfall, Mr Henry Trofimenko, a leading Kremlin adviser on East-West relations said in an interview here.

"America had gathered together enormous forces in the Gulf and the Indian Ocean" he told the newspaper Dagens Nyheter. "It was after the Iranian revolution and following the taking of hostages from the US Embassy in November, 1979. Our troops went in in December. We felt ourselves to be under pressure."

For all these reasons the 1984 budget will have to be carefully balanced if it is not both to bring down the Government and pull the country apart.

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Chad turns down plea by OAU for negotiations with rebels

Najamena (Reuter) — A call by African leaders for peace talks to end the fighting in Chad has failed to move the Chad Government from its refusal to enter negotiations with the rebels led by Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former President.

A weekend meeting of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, appealed for an end to foreign intervention in Chad, urging an immediate halt to fighting and reconciliation among feuding factions.

But Mr Soumaila Mahamat, the Chad Information Minister, said here that his Government's attitude to negotiating with the rebels, which it regards as Libyan backed, was unaltered.

"We have no reaction to the OAU appeal. Our position remains unchanged at the moment", Mr Mahamat said. The official news agency AIP rejected any idea that factions existed in Chad which should discuss the conflict.

"Goukouni and the others are only instruments used by Libya to support the thesis of an armed opposition in Chad."

Observers said the Chad Government's refusal to negotiate with Mr Goukouni, and its policy of blaming the war on Libya, had been strengthened in the past week after battlefield successes.

In a statement issued after its two-day meeting, the OAU's nineteenth summit bureau expressed grave concern at the plight of Chad's 4.5 million people who, it said, were victims of a struggle worsened by foreign interference over the past decades.

The OAU appealed "to all states, African and non-African, to refrain from any interference, direct or indirect that may aggravate the situation."

Libya has welcomed the OAU appeal. A statement from the Libyan news agency Jaws said the statement showed the OAU was determined to solve the Chad problem in an African framework.

● **Captive speaks:** A youth who said he was a Libyan Army corporal captured in recent fighting in Chad was presented in public in Najamena yesterday to back government claims of heavy Libyan involvement.

Reluctant refugees caught in a crossfire

Tens of thousands of Ugandans are afraid of returning to their homes because of continuing violence. In the first of two articles Charles Harrison recently in Kampala looks at President Obote's efforts to restore peace.

UGANDA Part 1

Recent successes by the Uganda Army mean that after more than two years of coping with guerrilla activity from several sections of his opponents, President Milton Obote no longer sees this kind of violent opposition as his main problem.

The most serious threat to the authority of the Ugandan Government was until recently in a triangle north of Kampala, between the main roads north to Gulu and Hoima, and approaching within 15 miles of the capital.

This was the main stronghold of the National Resistance Army (NRA), led by Mr Yoweri Museveni, a former defence minister, who went underground after the December 1980 elections — which Mr Museveni and other groups say were manipulated to bring Mr Obote's Uganda People's Congress (UPC) to power.

In the last few months the Uganda Army has pushed the NRA out of some of its strongholds, and in the main road to Northern Uganda is again safe.

It is not clear how strong the NRA is these days; its supporters say its units have merely regrouped but the recent drive by security forces in the Luwero area, 30 miles north of here, has resulted in a great deal of suffering for tens of thousands of civilians caught in the crossfire.

Up to 100,000 small farmers and their families are living in makeshift accommodation or in the open air around small villages after fleeing from their homes for safety. President Obote says they are being asked to go back to their farms, but they are reluctant to do so while the threat of insecurity persists.

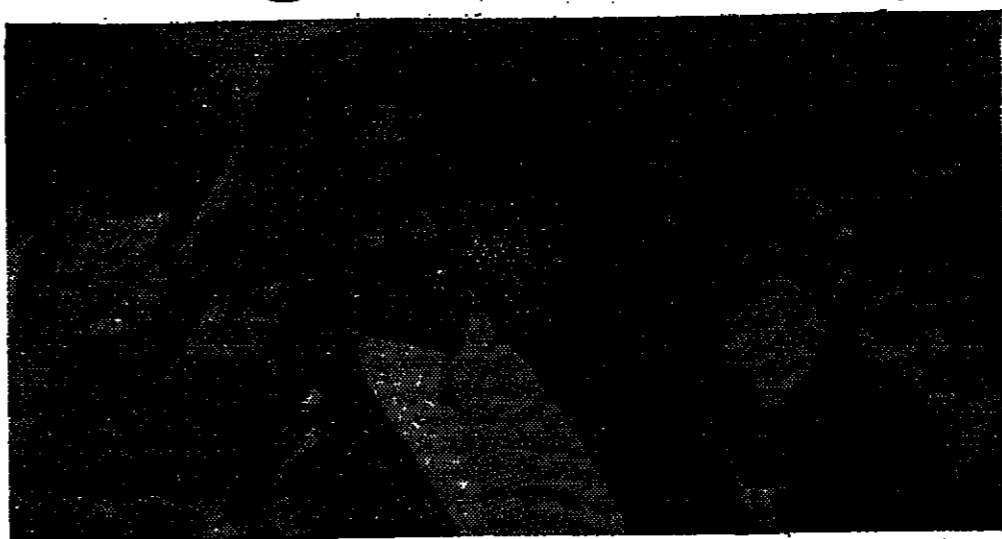
Elsewhere in Uganda there are other pockets of violent opposition. The National Rescue Front (NRF), headed by Brigadier Moses Ali, who was Idi Amin's Finance Minister in the 1970s, claims to be active in the West Nile and Madi areas of extreme north-west Uganda, bordering on Zaire and Sudan.

But the Ugandan Government says activity by "bandits" there has now been brought under control, and it is urging an estimated 150,000 Ugandans to return from frontier zones of Zaire and Sudan, where they are living as refugees.

Kampala is much more relaxed these days, but there is still a strong security presence. Armed troops man roadblocks on the main road from the airport at Entebbe but no longer seem to cause lengthy hold ups for people making the 21-mile trip.

The noise of shooting no longer disturbs the sleep of residents here, though few are prepared to venture out after dark. Violent crime is never far away, and residents of the capital's suburbs still bolt their doors at night and hope and pray that they will not be attacked by the armed gangs who frequently terrorize the area.

Local newspapers carry news items almost daily about groups of bodies found murdered often



Guerrilla chief: Mr Museveni, when Defence Minister, in a 1979 photograph.

having been slashed with axes and knives, in areas close to the city. Some of the killings are political, or may be a way of settling local feuds, others are the work of robbers who strip the houses of the victims.

The attackers are frequently said to wear army uniforms, and reports of indiscipline in the armed forces are widespread, despite the efforts of a Commonwealth military team, led by a British officer, to train up the Army's own training framework and build up discipline in the force. The team's mandate will expire in September if it is not renewed. But Uganda is expected to ask it to continue its operations until next March.

Until recently, Uganda had what must have been the freest press in Africa, with up to a dozen independent newspapers

Moi wants Britain to curb exiled Africans

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

President Moi of Kenya has urged Britain to curb the activities of African dissidents in London. He made this point in weekend discussions here with Mr Timothy Raison, the Minister for Overseas Development, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Minister of State in charge of African Affairs.

Mr Raison was completing a tour of Kenya, in which he visited some of Britain's aid projects here. Mr Rifkind, who had just paid brief visits to Uganda and Tanzania, later chaired a meeting here of British high commissioners and ambassadors from a number of African countries, which continues today.

According to the official Kenya news agency, President Moi did not refer specifically to the small number of Kenyans who are in exile in Britain after an abortive coup attempt last year. But the Kenya Government is unhappy about their activities and attacks on the Government here which have received wide publicity.

According to the Kenya news agency, President Moi pointed out that democracy in Africa was younger than in Britain, and added: "You should restrain these dissidents from Africa who choose to attack their home governments from your soil."

Strike tests India's star politician

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Mr N. T. Rama Rao, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, faces his first big test this week with a strike of 600,000 government workers which began on Saturday. As the machinery of government in the state grinds to a virtual standstill he is determined to tackle the strikers head on.

Mr Rama Rao is the film star — he still promises to make more films — who became a politician late in life, and started his own regional party based on the dominant language group in his state. His party, Telegu Desam, won a startling victory in state elections earlier this year, besting Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party from one of their main strongholds.

Now dressed in the orange robes of a *sanyasi* or holy man, and with his forehead liberally smeared with religious decoration, he is having to tackle a strike which has the backing of his defeated Congress opponents, who are keen to destabilize his regime.

In an effort to diminish the impact of the stoppage, Mr Rama Rao managed to conclude agreements with the workers in the electricity supply industry and with school teachers, but hospital nurses and administrative workers have stopped work and emergency cases were turned away from Hyderabad hospitals after the strike started.

US sets up big Taiwan arms deal

From Mohsin Ali Washington

The Reagan Administration has announced plans for arms sales to Taiwan worth \$350m (about £345m), to the evident irritation of Peking.

The plan, announced by the Pentagon on Friday, would bring total US arms sales to Taiwan to about \$660m in the current fiscal year.

China maintains that the US is obliged under a joint communiqué issued in August last year to reduce the year's total to below the 1979 figure of \$600m and to phase out all arms sales to Taiwan. But the Reagan Administration argues that after adjusting the 1979 figure for inflation its projected sales to Taiwan do not violate agreement with China.

The new arms package would include kits for upgrading old American-built M4 tanks, sea and land-based air defence missiles and spare parts for aircraft and tank recovery vehicles. It would not include advanced aircraft and missiles.

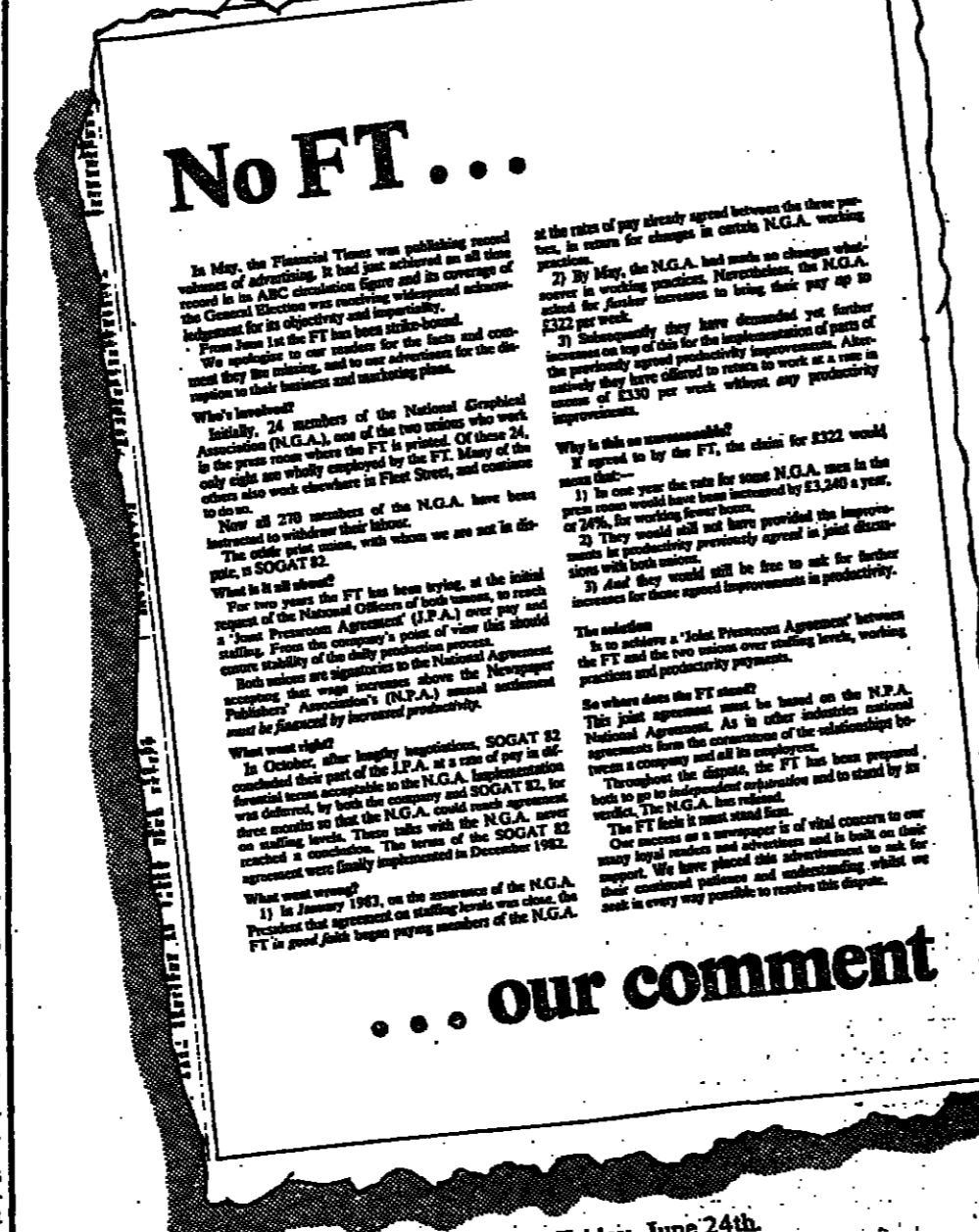
Peking argues that the arms sales amount to interference in its internal affairs because it regards Taiwan as part of China.

The sales announcement coincided with the conclusion of talks here between US and Chinese officials on the possible sale of American civilian nuclear reactor technology to China. American officials said that these discussions were very friendly, that they had made progress and that there would be further meetings.



Map showing the location of Uganda and surrounding regions.

No FT... our second comment



Friday, June 24th.

Mediation

On June 29th, after a series of discussions at ACAS, the Financial Times and the NGA began talks under an independent mediator and two assessors to reach a Press Room Agreement covering staffing, pay and productivity — aiming to reach agreement by July 3rd.

The arrangements for these negotiations were formally agreed by both sides, and fully supported by Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, who confirmed in writing that the TUC "would expect both parties to respect the outcome of the agreed procedure and act upon its recommendations".

On July 3rd the mediator gave specific recommendations on staffing and pay as a prelude to negotiations on a Joint Press Room Agreement. These recommendations were immediately accepted by the FT, but, at a meeting on July 7th, were rejected by the NGA.

What did the Mediator recommend?

On staffing in the machine room he recommended, first, that the number of shifts per week should increase from the 64 proposed by the management to 66.

He recommended that when, in the course of a year, there had been more than 157 papers of 42 pages and above, there should be an additional two shifts working.

On pay he recommended a wage of £304.67 for a full week of four night shifts, and said that this should include the previously agreed productivity improvements which the NGA is refusing to implement.

Why did the NGA say No?

Because the mediator's recommendations did not give them the 19½% differential they were seeking between themselves and machine assistants. Nowhere else in Fleet Street is the differential between these groups as high as 19½%.

Where does the FT stand now?

The FT is willing to resume talks at ACAS at any time under the terms of reference already agreed by both parties for independent mediation.

We therefore welcome reports that Mr Len Murray, TUC General Secretary, has written to Mr Joe Wade, NGA General Secretary, urging him and his union to accept the mediator's recommendations and to resume negotiations.

In the Meantime...

... the FT has to consider both the continuation of a service to readers and advertisers which has won 3 Queen's Awards to Industry, as well as the future of its other 1,500 employees.

Primarily, and most urgently, the FT seeks a resolution to the present disagreement with the NGA. But, in the final analysis, it would be irresponsible for the FT not to consider all alternative ways of producing the newspaper.

We ask for the continued patience and understanding of our readers and advertisers.

Rebuff for Strauss in party leadership vote

From a Correspondent, Munich

Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, the right-wing Bavarian leader, suffered a severe rebuff on Saturday when his Christian Social Union (CSU) party re-elected him chairman with less votes than he had ever received before.

The CSU annual conference broke up in disarray soon after the poll in which Herr Strauss received only 662, or 77 per cent, out of 849 valid votes. An unprecedented 162 delegates voted against him. It was Herr Strauss's worst result in 22 years as party chairman, during which he usually has got more than 90 per cent of the votes.

Herr Strauss accepted the result without comment and did not respond to deliver his closing address.

The setback, certain to undermine Herr Strauss's authority and put a question mark over his long-term future, reflected party criticism of his controversial role in arranging a DM 1,000m (£250m) credit to East Germany, approved by Bonn on June 29.

Herr Strauss, known for his tough line towards East Germany, stumped many of his supporters earlier this week when he disclosed that he had helped to negotiate the deal.

One CSU deputy, Herr Franz Handlos, resigned over the deal last week, while another attacked it as "profit-seeking" on the eve of the party conference.

Before the vote, Herr Strauss defended the deal in his two-hour speech, saying the credit had been granted on humanitarian grounds.

He cited visible improvements in relations with East Germany, especially easier border controls, but emphasized that there was no question of a change in the policy.

In his speech, Chancellor Helmut Kohl put himself behind the Bavarian leader, saying the deal had been arranged in agreement between all three coalition leaders.

Armed police in Sri Lanka close university

From Donovan Moldrich Colombo

Armed police yesterday ejected all the students from halls of residence at Peradeniya University, near Kandy, after an incident in which student kidnapped the dean of the faculty of science.

A group of students on hunger strike over disciplinary matters held Dr H. W. Dias on Friday until the university's vice-chancellor agreed to sign a statement conceding all their demands.

Police moved in at 9pm on Saturday and, in a nine-hour operation, ferried students in a fleet of buses to Kandy, three miles away.

Iceland crumble against British in bridge opener

By a Bridge Correspondent

Britain made an excellent start against Iceland in the first round of the European Bridge Championships. Brian Short and Sandy Duncan had the better of their opponents in an uneven first half in the open room. David Price and Chris Duckworth played steadily in the closed room, and at half-time Britain led by 58-29 IMPs.

Among the surprises were Romania, in their first appearance, leading Norway 38-36. Belgium 35 Sweden 27; Hungary 30 France 41; Switzerland 32 Poland 17; Lebanon 12 Ireland 24; Luxembourg 30 France 39; Yugoslavia 72 Turkey 30; Spain 37 Netherlands 25; Israel 41 Finland 31; Austria 40 Germany 48.

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THE ARTS

Television From the jaws of death

If ever we needed a warning against making friends with stray animals, The Mad Death on BBC 1, a three-part serial about an outbreak of rabies in Britain, provides it.

Not that many would pick up a sleeping fox by the side of the road and take it home as a pet, as does the first victim, an American executive living in Scotland. The fox is incubating rabies from a Siamese cat smuggled from the continent by a Frenchwoman visiting a Scottish laird.

The contacts build up - the cat had bitten the laird's collie before bolting into the night and the fox's jaws. The American executive bites his mistress before succumbing to the disease. Then there are those well-heeled guests at a party given for the Frenchwoman.

On one level Sean Hignett's adaption of Nigel Slater's novel could be a Government tract on hygiene. But it is also a skilfully directed thriller, produced by Bob McIntosh and directed by Robert Young for BBC Scotland.

An abrasive veterinary expert, Michael Hilliard, played by Richard Heffer, is given the brief to kill all wild animals within a 12-mile radius of the outbreak and impound all domestic pets.

"You will have more power than Hitler in that control area", a Ministry official tells him, and from the cold gleam in Hilliard's eyes you can see the thought appeals to him.

The first episode had a certain irritating vagueness about place - I do not remember Scotland as being so blandly international. But the encounters with the animals and the hallucinatory symptoms of the disease are horribly riveting. The word "rabid" takes on its full meaning.

The first episode in Channel 4's series of three programmes about the British Labour Movement, What Went Wrong?, cast back to the days of Victorian values as the elderly children of pre-war activists recalled the deprivations they and their parents suffered.

But, one interviewer said, "The British ruling class is the oldest and clearest in the world". blatant exploitation gave way to the appeal of mass consumerism, and the feeling of working-class solidarity faded.

The son of a local doctor wistfully remembered what had been lost: "Life seemed closer, more intense, not taken care of, parcelled up and packaged. It was there in the raw... we really lived life as it was."

The earnest-faced Jeremy Seabrook linked past documentary and present-day interviews, drumming home facts already more poignantly made through people's memories.

The question of the title remained unanswered, but may be clearer during the next two episodes.

Clare Colvin



James Mason and Judy Garland in the proposal scene, among the early cuts

The legendary Judy Garland vehicle A Star is Born has for a whole generation been shown incomplete. Now it has been lovingly restored, as Sheridan Morley reports

The complete movie myth

sheet of instructions explaining how to snip 29 minutes out of the film altogether, thereby cutting two complete Garland musical numbers and various scenes detailing the early meetings of Garland (the band singer on the way up) and Mason (the alcoholic star on the way down).

So, for almost three decades, all screenings of George Cukor's A Star is Born in cinemas and on television around the world have lasted no more than two and a half hours, and though movie addicts have occasionally run appeals in the press for the missing half-hour, the scenes appeared irrevocably lost.

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A Star is Born always seemed to me overlong at two and a half hours, and at three it begins to look not so much slow as totally stopped. Cukor was undeniably a great director, but was he a great director of musicals? His only others were either critical disasters (Les Girls, Let's Make Love) or photographed stage originals (My Fair Lady), and despite Mason's marvellous performance A Star is Born only really comes to life when Miss Garland stops singing for long enough for Cukor to get on with making her into a fine actress.

technique of stills-plus-soundtrack that Haver has been obliged to use here does not really allow them to be adequately assessed.

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Cukor himself, like Garland, always refused to watch the truncated version of A Star is Born, and privately expressed doubts that the uncut one would be as good as some movie addicts were hoping. This restoration project was the last Hollywood venture which involved his interest, and sadly he died the night before they were due to show it to him. But his timing was always his strong suit.

After the interval, Tear Stephen Pettitt

Dance

Isadora Covent Garden

Heartily welcome back at Covent Garden from their long tour, the Royal Ballet opened a short summer season last week with Isadora, a nice old-fashioned lecture-demonstration, before moving on to more adventurous productions. On Saturday night Galina Samsova took the title part for the first time in London, having played it just before in Manchester.

In her first solo it looked as if she might pull the shambling spectacle into focus, because she managed to avoid the gentility with which Merle Park (a childhood victim, one would guess, of the "Revised Greek Dance") fatally infects it.

Samsova has one other scene (no, two, because her final death mask is almost unbearably

Theatre

Loving Reno

All four women in Snoo Wilson's play - ex-wife, mistress and twin daughters - love Reno the Chilean magician, assembling his act or his harem (they differ little) for a charter flight to a Bogota engagement. Only when nymphette Adrienne, raped by him at the age of 11, announces she is marrying Daddy is crisis precipitated.

Stuck in a Florida airport lounge whose pink strip-lighting and plastic flowering creepers Grant Hicks has designed with

Margarita (Anne Raiti), the girl's mother, anatomically explains how twins can be conceived from separate fathers and the squealing girlish Adrienne (Cassie Sintar) confirms her arrested development - itself an image of women devoted to being sex-kittens - with an unholy pleasure in science-fiction pornography: about well-hung monsters ravishing earthlings as tender as herself.

The production by the author and Simon Callow is scrupulous and affectionate, with accurate individual performances of these appalling characters. Philip Donaghy's greased-back locks and pencil-thin moustache suggest Claudio Artau playing Hercule Poirot until his oily vowels, invariably supporting some form of blatant emotional blackmail on one of his women, give the caricature away.

Anthony Masters

Concerts

Julian Bream

Judging from last week's profile in The Times, Julian Bream is a happy man. It shows in his playing, and it also manifested itself in the delightful programme he drew up for his fiftieth birthday concert on Friday.

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Three overtures, three concertos, two symphonies and quite a bit more besides were presented at the Festival Hall on Saturday night, as five English youth orchestras provided the usual lengthy final to this year's National Festival of Music for Youth.

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Concerts

A charming celebration

"With thou unkind" was infectiously puckish, while "Sweet stay awhile" displayed a purity at low dynamic levels which frankly surprised me.

LSO/Flor Barbican

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Problems of togetherness

to offer in the way of tender phrasing and sustained legato, even though her tonal palette was insufficiently varied to bring out the full range of the solo line's winning qualities.

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PUBLISHING The name of fame

Whoever Jane Somers is, she is not Jane Somers. Michael Joseph published her novel The Diary of a Good Neighbour recently and it has been virtually ignored by reviewers. It would not have been had its well-known author allowed her real name to appear on the book. It makes you question the criteria by which literary editors and fiction reviewers decide which books are discussed. Scores of novels are published each week, the same six or eight reviewed in most papers. So much for poor Jane Somers, wanting her new book to be judged on its quality, not on her name.

Michael Holroyd, that literary representative of the Great and the Good, is no doubt correct in pointing out that Macdonald brought out the collected works of William Goyardie in the 1970s. It would be interesting to know how few copies were printed of the later volumes.

And, speaking of poetry, it is reliably said that it was only the pleading of certain prosaic members of the Literature Panel which stopped Miss Laski doling out money to improve the standard of verse which appears on greetings cards.

Surprise was expressed by some that, in the recent Birthday Honours, Stephen Spender should - all these decades after the Thirties - be awarded a knighthood. It is fervently to be desired that Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate, is immortal. Certainly having had a train named after him is one way to ensure that. If he proves not, there will one day have to be a new Poet Laureate, and it would be more convenient if he were already knighted. Next time, perhaps, Mr Larkin or Mr Hughes?

The Public Lending Right computer at Stockton-on-Tees will pronounce in October as to how much in the first year each author who contrived to register by June 30 will receive by way of central government handout.

Those authors who failed to get their forms to the registrar in time should not relax for 12 (or 11) months but fill in and have notarized their forms now so that they may apply for the second year's benefit. Besides, second-class post to Cleveland takes time, and authors usually do not have money to waste. Books only need to be registered once although authors are required to register their new titles when published. This involves a statutory declaration each time. Lucky solicitors, lucky JPs.

Pete Townshend has just started work at the publishing house first known as Faber & Gwyer, then Faber & Faber and now, since they have had their image redesigned by Pentagram, faber & faber. There once was a Gwyer but there never was a second Faber any more than there is a second faber. Mr Townshend, sometime of the Who (rather than: who?), wore a suit on his first day at the office. After all, Mr Eliot had done so on his first day, and he was a figure from the pop world too. He did write Cats, didn't he?

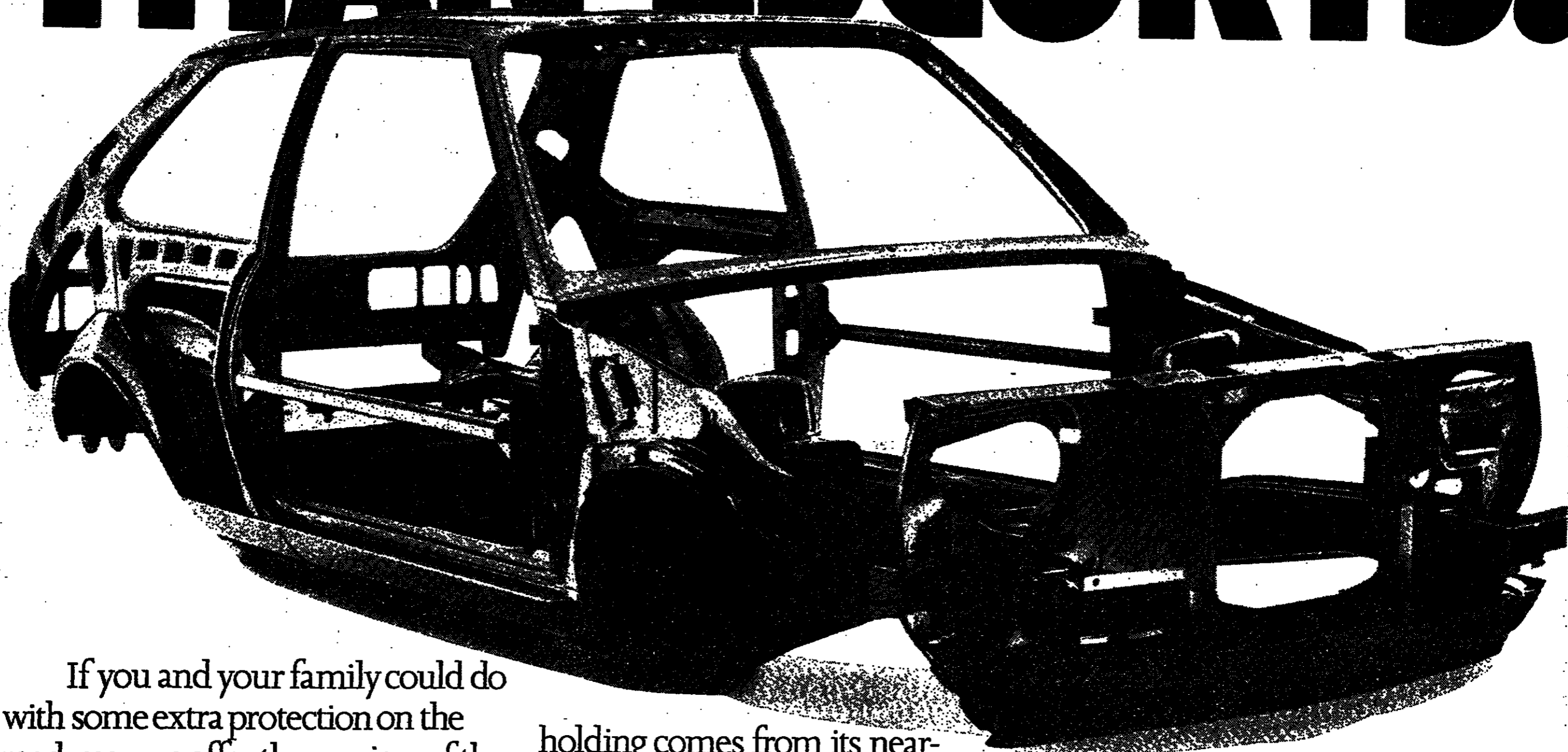
As the result of pressure applied by the Writers' Guild (usually referred to as "negotiators"), BBC Publications are about to sign a Minimum Terms Agreement for authors whose books are published by the BBC. This is something of a coup for the Guild, both because very few other publishers (Hamish Hamilton being the major exception) have accepted the principle of minimum terms and because BBC Publications have been known to offer their authors restrictive and inadequate contracts.

E. J. Craddock

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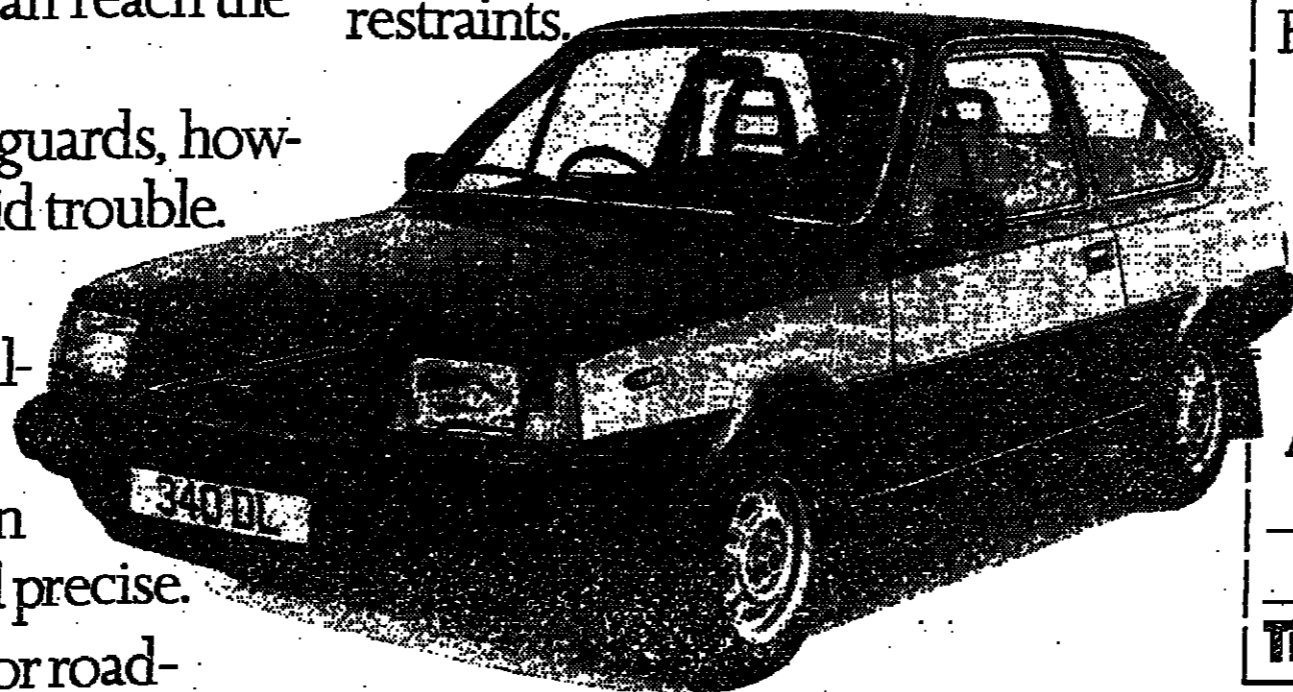
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Tests of terror

The English cricket squad which left for a hastily-arranged

tour of Pakistan in 1969 included Keith Fletcher, a 25-year-old Essex batsman whose Test experience was confined to a single match. The memory of that disastrous series still haunts Fletcher, now the veteran captain of Essex and a former England skipper. In this extract from his autobiography, he recalls tensions on the field and in the dressing-room



"Nobody was looking forward to the tour of Pakistan," Fletcher says, but the party put on a brave face as it set out. Left, on the steps of the airliner are (from the top) Roger Pridemore, Tom Graveney, Jeff Jones, John Snow, David Brown, Fletcher, Derek Underwood, Pat Pocock, Robin Hobbs, John Murray, physiotherapist Bernard Thomas, Alan Knott, Basil D'Oliveira and Colin Cowdrey. Above: David Brown and Alan Knott race for the pavilion as demonstrators spill on to the pitch at Karachi.

I doubt whether any cricket tour has ever been as unpleasant as our 1969 visit to Pakistan. I know the lads who went to the West Indies in 1981 had a very rough time, with disasters punctuating the trip both on and off the field. But the 1969 tour lasted only six weeks, and each of them seemed like a month.

It was my first England tour and nothing could have been better designed to put me off the life of a Test player. Politicians caused the cancellation of the South African trip to which everyone was looking forward; now politics wrecked the hurriedly-arranged stand-in affair, to which nobody was looking forward, although one realized that it was done mainly to provide us with winter employment.

I feel that the tour should never have taken place. Despite the short notice, I suggest that with a little more foresight and the advice of the right people, it would have been obvious before we ever left London. Pakistan was engaged in virtual civil war, and the east of the country was under student law. Somehow, we were expected to go out there and perform as if the setting were Lord's in June and the distractions no more threatening than a few Taverners with too many pints inside them. It was tantamount to being asked to bat with a gun at our heads; sometimes, indeed, that was almost literally the case.

Every one of the three Tests was interrupted by riots. Everywhere we went, we were protected by armed guards - except for one bizarre day in Karachi when the students insisted that they were removed and the frightened authorities hastily agreed. There were occasions, I admit, when I thought we had little chance of getting home safely.

The trip began quietly enough, with a 10-day sojourn in Ceylon, as it was

Extracted from Captain's Innings by Keith Fletcher with Alan Lee, published by Stanley Paul on July 25, price £6.95

then called. This, of course, was long before the country was even seriously considered for full Test status, and the programme of one three-day game and three one-day matches was designed primarily to play us into form.

Even before we landed in Pakistan, we had a taste of the chaos to come. The situation was so bad in the east of the country that the first part of the tour needed wholesale reshaping. We were to have played a first-class match in Chittagong before taking an internal flight on to Dacca, the venue for the first Test. But while we were still in Colombo, our manager Les Ames had the first of many meetings with High Commissioners, and emerged poker-faced with the news that both these places were so torn by rioting that the games would inevitably be moved. You can imagine just what effect this had on our players, some of whom had been openly apprehensive of the situation in Pakistan before we had even set off from home. The strength of the manager was crucial, even at this early stage, because Colin Cowdrey as captain was already showing what I thought were signs of weakness amid the hostility.

The first Test was switched to Lahore, which at least meant we would be accommodated in the top-class Intercontinental Hotel. It provided few other comforts, as we were very soon to discover. The student-rule situation was by no means confined to one sector of the country, and their authority extended to the ridiculous extent that Pakistan were forced to include a student leader, 21-year-old Afshar Gul, in their side. To be fair to him, Afshar was not a bad player and he showed some inclination to keep his colleagues in the crowd under an element of control. But the principal was absurd - can you imagine university students taking over English cricket and insisting that an Oxford freshman played in every Test of a major series?

If I had been labouring under any delusions that all would be well once the serious cricket began, these were dispelled by the opening day of the series. England closed at 226 for 5 but in the course of the day I had twice been set upon by members of the crowd as I walked to the wicket and, just to add insult to injury, I had also been given out, albeit by my boot.

There were only 10,000 in the ground, whereas on the Under-25s tour under Mike Brearley a couple of years earlier we had regularly played before crowds of 50,000. Yet those who were at Lahore seemed far more intent on disrupting the cricket than enjoying it.



COLIN COWDREY
His leadership had not been strong enough

Cowdrey made a century, admirably determined in the circumstances, and I shared a stand of 69 with him. But I admit my mind was not as riveted on the cricketing job as it should have been. When I walked out to start my innings I was accompanied by a number of student fans, hardly a circumstance to settle a young man in only his second Test, and when Cowdrey and I went out to resume after tea we were jostled by dozens of spectators and I was almost dragged to the ground. It was an absolute shambles and the police seemed powerless to do anything about it.

The first Test ended drawn, although we got ourselves into terrible trouble during the second innings and lost our first five wickets for only 68. I then played the most important innings of my career to that point, batting four hours for 83 and putting on half-century stands with both Alan Knott and David Brown. Pakistan were left to make 323 in five hours and declined an improbable target after losing three early wickets.

While this match had been taking its unpleasant course, Les Ames had been in constant touch with officials of the Pakistani and British governments, as well as the cricket authorities of both countries. It was now being suggested that we should go on to Dacca for the second Test, even though we were led to understand that the position there had worsened rather than improved. The debate was long and complicated, and when consulted, the players made it quite plain that they were not keen to go.

Our preferences counted for nothing. We went, virtually on the insistence of our Foreign Office, who apparently feared recriminations against the English population of Dacca if we pulled out. We were no longer cricketers, it seemed, but ambassadors being paid a tour fee to keep the peace. It created a great deal of bad feeling and by this stage many of the squad members were muttering that they wanted to go home.

The entire city was under student law. There was no evidence of policemen, and no troops. The students supervised the traffic and policed the ground when the game got under way. I must say they did a far better job than the police had managed in Lahore and, although the crowds were bigger, the Dacca Test was the most peaceful we played. Peaceful is a relative term in Pakistan, however, and even in Dacca, fighting in sections of the crowd was virtually a constant sideshow, wooden chairs being the favourite weapon of the brawlers.

We realized that the anger of the crowd had little to do with us. They directed most of their abuse against the Pakistani team and against the various politicians trying vainly to run the country. A Test match was simply a convenient stage to protest over much wider issues. Sport, once again, was being dragged into the gutter by politics, and it sickened me to see it happen. We also knew, of course, that patriotism would still have its say; we were not popular, for reasons unconnected with cricket again, and it seemed obvious that any likely-English win would be the cue for a severe disturbance. It was not a comforting thought.

One of the few occasions on the tour when tension was lifted came with the arrival of Colin Milburn, who flew to Dacca to reinforce our injury-hit squad. Ollie's omission from the original side was a controversial matter and caused a fair bit of resentment among his growing band of supporters. He had played in two Tests against the Australians the previous summer and, although not a classic opener in the common mould like the adhesive figure of Boycott, he was a great improviser and entertainer. He was also a thoroughly good bloke and a very amusing character. Never had he been needed more urgently.

Pushed straight into the Test side at Karachi, Milburn made a brilliant 139, his best score in Test cricket. Tom Graveney also scored a century and we might in ordinary circumstances have been delighted with our total of 412 for 6. But the rioters were not yet through with us. Both Milburn and Graveney were mobbed on reaching their hundreds, and it was not the type of backslapping which can normally be tolerated. These pitch invaders did not mind whether they slapped you on the back or kicked you on the shin.

I was batting with Tom when he reached his hundred and the scene was appalling. Hundreds of youths came over the fence and headed towards him. The police beat them back, but were then set upon by sections of the crowd, who threw chairs, stones, fruit and anything else they could lay their hands upon. As Tom walked across in an effort to calm them, hundreds more eluded the police cordon and sprinted for the middle. We both gave up at this point, and I think I beat Tom back to the pavilion by a short head in a race conducted at a good gallop.

Six times in the opening two days, the mob invaded. It was becoming increasingly obvious that the game, and with it the tour, had a limited life. The cricket was meaningless, and we were by this stage concerned with little more than a safe passage home. In the city itself shots were being fired through the night, and it was not the first time in this nightmare trip that this sound had kept us awake.

But Karachi, I think, was the most frightening place. We felt under severe threat throughout our stay there, because we knew the students believed they could profit from national press coverage of their disruptions. We had no means of knowing just how far they were prepared to go.



COLIN MILBURN
Never had he been more urgently needed

That city gave me my first view of a full-scale operation by riot police. Heaven knows what would have happened if they had waited any longer, because this time the mob was totally out of control. It had begun as a bit of a laugh for us. Alan Knott and David Brown were batting, and little Mushtaq was wheeling away with his leg-breaks. Another disturbance seemed inevitable, just a matter of waiting, and it came as Mushtaq turned to come in for another ball. "Brownie" had seen the mob coming, but the bowler had not, and as he brought back his arm and reached his delivery stride, he was visibly amazed



TOM GRAVENEY
After Cowdrey he took over for the last rites

to find he was bowling at unguarded stumps. Both batsmen were by this time sprinting for the relative haven of the pavilion; Mushtaq, as soon as he had familiarized himself with the state of play, followed rapidly.

This time we were not even safe in our dressing-rooms. There were thousands of berserk hooligans streaming across the ground, digging up the pitch and breaking down doors and gates. Then the riot police moved in. Dressed all in blue, and 20-deep, they started at one end of the ground and moved at a sedate pace into the mob. No one stood in their way, and eventually a degree of sanity was restored, though at what cost I could not say. It was the closest thing I have ever seen to a battlefield on a sports ground, and we knew then that we would be getting out as fast as possible.

Colin Cowdrey was already back in London. He had flown home at the end of the second day's play after a call from his wife had told him of the death of his father-in-law. Everyone sympathized with him over this bereavement, but privately wished they could be going on that plane with him.

To be frank, Cowdrey's leadership had not been strong throughout the troubles. But for the strength and good sense of manager Les Ames, the squad would have been short of leadership. I felt Cowdrey was affected as badly as any of us by the problems.

Graveney took over for what turned out to be the last rites of the tour. Following that final, fearful riot, Les Ames decided that enough was enough and we could stay no longer to be so abused. By now it seemed that every player had passed his tolerance level and wanted nothing further to do with Pakistan.

The most precarious part of it all was still to come, however, as we now had to be smuggled from the ground to the airport and out of the country, without alerting the students to the fact that we were quitting. No one was in any doubt that our escape plan, once discovered, would have led to the mob turning all its fury against us.

For reasons of swiftness and comfort, not to mention the fact that it might mislead the enemy, we abandoned all our gear in the changing-room and took only our personal belongings with us. On the bus to the airport we were instructed to keep our heads down, and once into the terminal we were rushed through all the formalities and on to a midnight British Airways flight heading home. None of us, I imagine, has ever been so glad to step on board a plane and see the smiles of British stewardesses.

moreover... Miles Kington

Variations on a theme of Brahms

After his spectacular crash on the M4 last week, Mr Neil Kinnoek said he was wide awake at the time, as he had been listening to Brahms No 1 on a tape.

Brahms would have approved of this. He himself hated people falling asleep, especially during concerts at which he was playing, and he is known to have put optional loud chords in his first piano concerto which he would play only if he could hear snoring. Crash! he would go, then stand up and point accusingly at the guilty person.

What he loathed more than anything was the sight of critics asleep, especially in the front row, right in front of his eyes. "I do not compose in my sleep," he used to complain, "so why should I let them work in their sleep?" On one occasion he saw old Hunstacher from the *Hamburg Chronicle* actually drop off to sleep before he had even started playing the first piano concerto. Putting a finger to his lips to keep the audience quiet, Brahms tiptoed over to where the crusty old critic was dozing and tapped him on the shoulder. The poor man awoke with a start to find Brahms glaring down at him.

"You realize you have just slept through the whole of my piano concerto?" roared Brahms. "But you do not get away with it so easy. We shall now play the whole thing again, just for you. OK, gentlemen, from the top. And, giving the audience a big wink - he returned to his stool and waited on the concert as planned. To the end of his days Hunstacher believed that Brahms had played the entire piece twice that evening, and swore never to fall asleep at a concert again.

He was unsuccessful, unfortunately. About a year later he did the same thing at the premiere of a Brahms choral work. This time Brahms got four hefty tenors to help him carry the sleeping critic in his chair out of the concert hall and into the street. When Hunstacher awoke later, he imagined the concert was over and went straight home.

Like Mr Kinnoek, Brahms did a lot of travelling, though by horse-drawn coach, which was slower and safer. Sometimes he would be irked by the painful progress across Europe and, shouldering the coachman aside, would take the reins and drive allegro con fuoco through Schwabia or Bavaria. Well aware of the dangers of falling asleep at the reins, he liked on these occasions to hire a violinist to sit on the roof and regale him with lively gypsy airs, thus buying some claim to having invented in-flight entertainment.

Once, unfortunately, the fiddler broke a string and during the time it was necessary to replace it Brahms nodded off, with the result that the coach left the road and overturned in a ditch. Shaken by the experience, Brahms thereafter always travelled by train, though he still liked to have a fiddler on the roof. This was, however, banned by the railway companies after an unfortunate accident in a tunnel.

There is another, little-known link between Neil Kinnoek and Brahms. The latter as a young man earned a pittance playing a piano in a Hamburg brothel, and one night the establishment was visited by Ernst Arbeitt, leader of the newly formed German Workers Party. Brahms recognized the revolutionary youth and raised his eyebrows to see such an idealist there.

"If they knew you were spending party funds here, do you think the members would be very happy?" said Brahms. "Either of them?" he added, in a reference to the still modest state of the party. Arbeitt flushed angrily.

"I am not here to spend money - I have come only to canvass votes and talk to people. You, for instance, Mr Brahms, are you a member of a trade union?"

Brahms roared with laughter at the idea. "You bourgeois traitor and elitist," cried Arbeitt. "When we come to power there will be no room in the workers' state for parasites like you! You will be set to sweeping the streets. We also pledge ourselves to leave the Common Market and nationalize the banks..."

"Out!" cried Brahms, kicking the unfortunate man into the street. Arbeitt, however, had the last laugh, as Brahms was indeed to become known as a bourgeois composer and a sell-out. Let us hope that Mr Kinnoek's allegiance to the great man will start to turn the tide.

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MODERN TIMES



A sideways look at the British way of life

The Silent Season sounds like the title of some gruesome Hollywood weepie. In fact it describes the softly, softly resurgence of that late Fifties, early Sixties phenomenon - the debutante.

Maybe it is post-Mrs Thatcher reelection euphoria, but in drawing rooms all over Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Chelsea 18-year-old Lady Petronellas and the Hon. Mirandas are plotting how best to spend Daddy's money on a splurge of dances, cocktail parties, houseparties and general making whoopee.

The modern deb is very different from the tearaway self-made millionaire's daughter Jayne Harries, who eloped with her hairdresser in 1968 and did much later of a drugs overdose. Nor does she resemble the stately Henrietta Tiarks, banker's daughter and so-called "deb of the year", who then married the eligible Marquess of Tavistock.

Instead, she is more likely to be awaiting her A-level results and a place at university.

The girls seem more sensible, more in awe of Mummy, more (dare one say it) traditional. "The bed-hopping days are over, although there are a few little animals left who just want a good time", one deb's delight told me at the Australian pub, a favourite deb rendezvous.

As an institution the season lost its purpose when the presentations stopped in 1958. Some 300 debs whose mothers had been presented at Court used to curtsy before the Queen at Buckingham Palace. (Prince Philip was said to enjoy watching this). Ludicrously this ceremony continued at the annual Queen Charlotte's Ball in Grosvenor House. A phalanx of debs, all garbed in white, ostensibly like Vestal Virgins, would sink down before a 12-foot high cake, a replica of the birthday gâteau baked for King George III's wife Charlotte Sophia. This event too ceased in 1976.

The season still has its lodestars, however. The Berkeley Dress Show each May is a must for every aspiring deb. A fortnight later is the Rose Ball, attended by nearly 1,500 debs, elder sisters, escorts and "grown-ups" (a common phrase in debdom, meaning anyone aged over 30).

The season officially started last February when the more enterprising mothers obtained a list of

other girls "coming out" from the *Tatler's* social editor, Peter Townend. They then arranged a series of "mums' lunches" to discuss tactics with similarly-placed chums and new contacts.

The next stage were the tea-parties, when the "young" went through the same larkly rigmarole. Men are banned, but are the principal conversation topic. Deb wits often used to write unflattering epithets beside the names of those men thought "suitable" by *Harper's & Queen's* doyenne, Betty Kenward, and the indispensable Mr Townend. ("NSIT" stood for "not safe in taxis", "NB" for "no background" and "SQPO" for "suspiciously quiet, probably queer").

Of course snobbery still reigns, although parents pretend it does not. There is the old-style deb whose family is titled and/or appears in *Burke's Landed Gentry*. This year they include Princess Diana's cousin Francis Roche.

The new-style ones tend to have gone to the same private schools - St Mary's, Wantage; Benenden; Heathfield; St Mary's, Ascot - but have less obviously recognizable backgrounds. Among the 1983 batch are property millionaire Geoffrey James's daughter Samantha, London Transport supremo Dr Keith Bright's daughter Elizabeth and, Alexandra de Schwarzburg-Gunther, daughter of the Inter-Continental Hotel's publicist.

Dances are less splendid than the Gatsby Revived era of the Sixties when stately homes like Viscount Kemsley's Dropmore and J. Paul Getty's Sutton Place reverberated incongruously to the beat of rock groups and discotheques. London's grand hotels - the Savoy, Berkeley, Hyde Park, Dorchester - had deb parties booked throughout June, July and again from October to early December.

A recent dance at Claridge's is said to have cost one tycoon father £20,000, including the two bands, disco, champagne and breakfast. Little "extras" like all-white flower arrangements can easily add £1,000, a toastmaster £69, while even sending out 250 engraved (never printed) "stiffies" costs almost £1 apiece.

Debbery, like private education and inherited wealth, will always provoke strident derision. But the modern scaled-down version is really little more than a sophisticated initiation marking the debut of an unmarried girl into adult society. And, as one father told me entirely seriously: "It provides a heck of a lot of employment".

Indeed so. Imagine all those toastmasters, party planners, social secretaries, bandleaders, disco-operators in the dole queue!

Penny Perrick Nixon went...we stayed



A scale drawing of the InterCraft Office System - "unlimited ideas for limited office space" - convinces me that the era of the office cum playroom is over. The InterCraft looks like one of those mazes where psychologists breed rats to see if they bite one another, form meaningful relationships or divide up into Chiefs and Indians. High partitions divide one little bit of airless territory from another and each partition houses banks of filing cabinets and a stern-looking desk. Not an inflatable sofa, not a lacquered coffee table, not an executive toy in sight. Work, these days, is obviously too serious to be played around with.

Once upon a time I worked in an office besides which the InterCraft System appears as luxuriously appointed as the Ritz. This office was in *Another Newspaper* and such was the prevailing gallantry of the place that the women writers were shielded from the rough talk and brutish ways of the all-male newsroom by being herded into a small side office which overlooked an airshaft.

Given the choice, I'm sure we would have put up with the odd dash or "bother" from the chaps rather than the grit which flowed in through the half-open filthy window and the difficulty of getting from door to desk without treading on everyone else's feet.

It was the film of *All the President's Men* which brought matters to a head. The newspaper office shown in the film was a facsimile of that *Washington Post* office where Bernstein and Woodward first twigged that there was something nasty in the White House woodshed.

Dry scalp is better than sexual harassment.

Our eyes slid off Robert Redford, playing one of the inquisitive reporters, and on to the acreage of carpet between each desk, the streamlined typewriters and a system of colour coding whereby the crime reporters could be identified by their red out-trays and matching coffee mugs while the political writers were kitted out in blue. The next day, we went across the corridor to see the Editor.

"We're too crowded in there," we said. "What's more we don't like all the furniture being made of grey tin." The Editor came to look.

Having a ball



Photographs by Robin Lawrence

Letts' dance: at the Hurlingham Club. (From left) Pippa Taylor, Andrew Chance, Rupert Fraser, Christina Odescalchi, Peter Townend, Gigi Letts (front), Perdita Fraser, Blaise Morris and Lucy Durham-Matthews

UNDERAWED

Pippa Taylor Debutante

"I'm just fitting in the Season before I go up to Newham College, Cambridge next October. I'll read Classics and later probably switch to history of art. I gave a deb dance in some friends' house near Berkeley. We only had about 150 guests and a third of them were my parents' age. It was still going strong a 4 am and when I returned home near Bristol I found myself locked out.

"My father (aeronautical engineer Michael Taylor) thinks the Season is a good way of finishing off a girl's education. It certainly teaches you to be selective. I've made some exceedingly good friends. But I've not enjoyed it as much as I'd expected. Perhaps I should put more effort into it.

"I still get very nervous before going out, probably because I worry about the impression I make. I prefer weekend houseparties. It's so much less artificial than cocktail parties.

"I had no real social life before I was 17. I was interested in more constructive things - sailing, riding, tennis. I've always loved the piano and writing. I've got a half-finished novel.

"I haven't really had a proper boyfriend. But there is someone with whom I spend an enormous amount of time. I can't get over the casualness of other girls. Maybe I'm just old-fashioned."

CHOO CHOO

Andrew Chance Bandleader

"We'll be playing at about 30 deb dances this Season. We never arrive with a planned repertoire; we adapt to the mood of the evening. Some dances go crazy right from the start. All they want to hear are Police, the Stones, David Bowie. Then you slow the tempo into "Men at Work", Duran Duran. If lots of parents are present we play nice swinging music like "The Girl from Ipanema", "Smile", "Hello Dolly".

"We don't bother to copy the sound of original hit records. But if the song is in the Top Ten we had better be good.

"On stage we always wear white bandanais with white shirts and long white ties. The worst thing that happened to us was when some idiot sabotaged us by pouring spinach into the sound-mixer while we were playing. Another time someone snipped our loudspeaker cables.

"Our company, Gibson-Chance, also runs a band called *Oliver Twist* and two discotheques. We've begun a party-planning side too.

"I started the band ten years ago after I left Stowe. My father farms in East Anglia and has always encouraged me. I love the excitement of a really good dance and the feeling that we've contributed by setting the mood. Whatever happens we always end with the same tune, "American Pic."

REF

Peter Townend Season's unofficial arbiter

"I've been going to deb parties for nearly 25 years. The number of girls doesn't change much. The most was in 1966 when there were 337. This year there are 146. Nearly all are old-style debs. You get the odd few who are a bit nouveau. Last year there was that builder chap, wasn't there? Cliff Richard. Men at Work, Duran Duran. If lots of parents are present we play nice swinging music like "The Girl from Ipanema", "Smile", "Hello Dolly".

"No deb these days is just coming out. They're at school or crammers doing A-levels, attending secretarial college. Some have even got a job.

"The Season divides into three sections: the Easter holidays, the end of exams which is generally during Ascot week until late July, and then Christmas.

"There will be about 80 deb cocktail parties and 25 dances in 1983. Some girls go to the parties and then never give anything. It isn't fair, is it? The best parties are usually in country homes - so much more personal than an hotel or hired ballroom.

"I've got about 70 or 80 men on my list whom I recommend. They're very smartly turned-out these days, having gone through that terrible scruffy stage in the late Sixties. They wear proper dinner jackets, not velvet ones, crisp white shirts with often a wing collar and spotted bowtie. I don't know what to do with all my coloured evening shirts now."

BLASE

Blaise Morris Deb's delight

"Life is pretty hectic right now. During June and July you could be at a party every night, including weekends. Never turn down a free invitation! It's my argument. I sort of filtered into it. I was introduced to Peter Townend and got put on his list.

"Things have rather gone downhill this year. At one smart dance last month everyone had to pay for their own drinks after 10 pm. Fancy that! Gatecrashing is also increasing. It's not something I've ever done.

"My father's family is Irish gentry and my mother is Canadian. I was named after a racehorse called *Victory Blaise* which won the Irish Sweeps Derby. I went to Gordons-town with Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. But you never catch them doing the Season.

"I work as a reinsurance broker at Lloyd's. I have to be there at 9am so I try not to get absolutely ratted (drunk). I think debs can be comparatively promiscuous.

"But girls tend to back down after a few months or else their mothers break it up. I don't want to get tied down either. Last year one deb eloped with some dreadful young man and was never seen at a dance again.

"I have a whale of a time. I've given numerous drinks parties in the past. But I'm loath to have one now in case debs think I'm angling for invitations."

CAKEWALK

Lucy Durham-Matthews Debutante

"It was mummy's idea actually for me to come out. I'm very scatty and so she has to do all the organizing. She answers my invitations, but don't call her my social secretary. Father (a Lloyd's broker) thinks it's all quite funny. He's giving a dance for me at home in Hampshire next September.

"Early on I went to a few tea-parties - jolly good cakes. I was a model at the Berkeley Dress Show, dancing down the cat-walk bare-footed wearing a Caroline Charles bikini and sarong. Then I went to Ascot, but hated it as I'm allergic to horses and just sneezed.

"Originally I trained to be a dancer and actress at the Elmhurst Ballet School. I was never quite good enough to make a ballerina, but I still keep my acting up. Last year I appeared in a TV soap opera called *Take the High Road* and I've just done a BBC comedy. My grandfather was a Hollywood film director.

"My career will always come before the deb thing. I did it because you have fun. The men are usually at university, in the Army or the City. Generally I forget what they say. I don't drink much champagne as I hate being out of control. I didn't meet him through the Season. He looks after the sound for the Chance band. But I don't want to get married yet."

MAMA

Mrs Rosa Maria Letts Deb mother

"The Season is the best way of introducing your daughter to a new set of friends outside her school. It's not meant to find her a husband. Indeed most mothers would feel cheated if she got married.

"Being an Italian, where traditions have all been trampled upon. I knew very little about debs. Initially my husband (diary publisher Anthony Letts) wasn't very keen as debs are meant to be so silly.

"Gigi comes from an intellectual school (St Paul's) where she was a head girl. She has started meeting men at cocktail parties. But she's very sensible. I think I've made her bullet-proof.

"To do the Season properly is incredibly time-consuming. You must go to the Berkeley Dress Show and the Rose Ball. You should then spend at least a day at Royal Ascot. You're meant to do Henley Regatta, Badminton Horse Trials, it's a must, but Wimbledon isn't really social anymore.

"People try to make you feel guilty spending all that money on entertainment. But why ever not? It needn't cost the earth. We shared our dance at the Hurlingham Club last weekend with a friend's daughter. It cost about £10,000 all told.

"When all this is over, Gigi sits her Oxbridge entrance exam in November."

My next office was purpose-built. That is to say it featured a lot of white plastic surfaces and what appeared to be green plastic plants. The plants turned out to be real enough and very attractive to whole families of small black bugs. In an attempt to stamp out unwanted wildlife, I watered the plants with cupfuls of poisonous coffee from the vending machine but they continued to thrive. I think there was a moonlighting horticulturist on the organization's staff who crept in at midnight to check that each bilious green rubbery spear was in perfect nick.

The brilliant strip-lighting brought on a range of ills from dry scalp to migraine. Desk lamps would be more soothing. I suggested to the office manager, "Can't be done", he said. "You have them in this office, everyone in the organization will want one.

These complaints appear niggling indeed compared to some more recently discovered causes of concern such as sexual harassment and visual display units, two of the hazards of office life discussed in excellent surveys conducted by the Alfred Marks Bureau. Betty Friedan, author and supporter of a low-tech way of life, thinks you can best keep out of trouble by staying out of the office altogether and working at a crumb-cleared corner of the kitchen table. But I still hanker for the perfect office, the one with low-scating, spotlights and one of those things with silver balls on strings constantly clicking.

The other day, my husband, finding himself at a loose end in the middle of the day, asked me out to lunch. He took me to my favourite restaurant, The Gay Hussar, and we were well into theiced borsch and smoked gosen when we noticed that the other lunchtime patrons, many of whom we knew, were giving us some pretty old-fashioned looks. The Gay Hussar regulars are a sophisticated bunch and we decided that they found the sight of a man eating lunch with the same woman he was going to have his supper with a bit silly.

A few days later, we went to a party. "Surprised to see you two together," said a friend. "I heard you were getting divorced." We were devastated until we remembered The Lunch. Our bit of midday marital dalliance had obviously been seen as a very serious occasion, indicating that something was definitely up.

Clive Jenkins, in a speech criticizing the way our working lives are arranged in long, anti-social, day-long chunks instead of being spread out into a pattern of shorter shifts over a longer period, said: "We marry each other for better or worse, but never for lunch." As one of the wisest advocates of education for leisure, I hope he will now organize classes on how to have lunch with your wife without causing comment.

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But where is the meat?

Over there doing a new dance - the Flash Fry!

Hello Flavia! Changed your mind? I can't dance with you because I'm afraid I'm frozen solid to this New Zealand lamb, and will have to walk it home.

Gerard! It's you!

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 17: Mr G. L. Hasthorpe had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning at Windsor Castle when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Forthcoming marriages
M.N. de Borsinger de Bade and Mlle M.-A. de Wade
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Nicholas, son of M and Mme Melchior Borsinger de Bade, of Geneva, and Marie-Adele, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mme Guy de Wade of Sion, Valais, Switzerland.

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Blanch takes Bishopthorpe into title
The retiring Archbishop of York, Dr Stuart Blanch, has taken his title peer in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, has taken as his title Lord Blanch of Bishopthorpe.

RAF wings presented
After successfully completing advanced flying training for jet aircraft at No 4 Flying Training School RAF Valley, the following officers of No 87 and 88 Squadrons received their wings on Friday from Air Commodore R. J. Kembell, Commandant, RAF Central Flying School:

Criteria for remarriages left in doubt

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent
The Church of England may have given fortune a number of hostages in its new procedures for handling second marriages in church. For the system will begin to digest its first cases, some time next year, without all those concerned having any clear idea what the criteria are to be for choosing which ones are to be allowed, and which ones refused.



London to Brighton in 41 minutes: Children having fun as guests of the Variety Club of Great Britain on Saturday when a special train commemorating 50 years of electrification on the Brighton line knocked seven minutes off the record held by a steam locomotive (Photograph: David Cairns).

Birthdays today
Sir Anthony Cox, 68; Mr G H G Doggart, 58; Sir Geoffrey Ely, 79; Viscount Esher, 70; Sir Ivan Ewart, 64; Mr Nick Faldo, 26; Sir Geoffrey Harrison, 75; Professor H L A Hart, 76; Mr David Hemery, 39; Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, 68; Mr Denis Liles, 34; Mr Anthony Miles, 63; the Hon Gordon Palmer, 65; Mr Richard Pasco, 57; Sir Robert Speed, 78; Mr Hugh Stephenson, 45; Sir James Stormonth Darling, 65; Sir Ivo Stourton, 82; Mr P Ensor Walters, 71; Dr B C L Weedon, 60.

Service luncheon
8th Gurkha Rifles
Officers of the 8th Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association with their ladies and guests held their annual luncheon at the Duke of York's Headquarters on Saturday. Lieutenant-Colonel Rostum Nanavally, representing the regiment in India, and Mrs Nanavally were guests of honour. General Sir Walter Walker presided.

Service reception
The Royal Hampshire Regiment
The Lieutenant of Hampshire, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, attended a reception held at St Cross, Winchester, on Saturday, when officers of The Royal Hampshire Regiment held their annual cricket match against the Hampshire Hogs. General Sir David Fraser, Colonel of the Regiment, and Lady Fraser received the guests.

Service dinner
No 1 Maritime HQ Unit, RAuxAF
Wing Commander D. Bassett and officers of No 1 Maritime HQ Unit, RAuxAF, held a guest night at Valencey House, Northwood, on Saturday. Squadron Leader Ivan Lancaster presided.

Science report
Extinct damselfly returns to life
A variety of damselfly thought to be extinct in Britain for many years has reappeared in Essex marshes. Naturalists who are satisfied that it has returned are unwilling to reveal exactly where it can be found. The insect lacks legal protection because it was thought to have died out when the latest official list was compiled.

OBITUARY

LIEUT-GEN MICHEL MICOMBERO

Former President of Burundi
Lieutenant-General Michel Micombero, who was President of Burundi from 1966 to 1976, died of a heart attack in exile in Mogadishu, Somalia, on July 16. He was 43.

GABRIELLE ROY
Gabrielle Roy, the French-Canadian novelist whose works enjoyed major status in France as well as in her own country, died on July 13 in Quebec. Her books were widely translated into English, and were widely read. Her earliest novel remains as what has been called "a landmark study of working-class life".

Early bronze weapons found in Highlands
The discovery of a Bronze Age hoard of weapons by two local men on the banks of the river Lochy, near Fort William, has shed light on the earliest use of bronze in the British Isles. Nineteen axesheads and four dagger blades have been found on a large natural mound.

Latest wills
The Hon Mrs Kathleen Sarah Ryleys of Chelsea left estate valued at £1,027,833 net. Miss Mary Lilian Richards, of Beckenham, left £788,905 net. After personal bequests totalling £56,000 she left the residue to the Richards Charitable Foundation, Arthur Road, Wimbledon.

Appointments in the Forces
Royal Navy
Mr J. J. Sheppard to DD Royal Naval Staff College and Director Staff College, HMS Gower, Portsmouth. Mr J. J. Sheppard to DD Royal Naval Staff College and Director Staff College, HMS Gower, Portsmouth.

Parliament this week
Commons: 10.30: The Commons will discuss the proposed Bill for the abolition of the House of Lords. The Bill will be read a second time.

Progress of legislation
Commons: 10.30: International Monetary Fund (IMF) Bill. The Bill will be read a second time. The Bill will be read a second time.

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BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interim: Alexander's... TOMORROW - Interim: Birming... WEDNESDAY - Interim: Bootham... FRIDAY - Glasgow Stockholders...

British Telecom bill gets second reading today

Privatization of coal, rail, post and electricity urged by bank review

By Our Financial Staff

A big extension of the Government's privatization programme to embrace more than 80 per cent of the state industry sector...

Professors Michael Beesley and Stephen Littlechild say that the scope for selling off state industries into private hands has been greatly underestimated...

Consumers would benefit through lower prices and better services, though the bulk of such benefits could be achieved by selling off five companies...

The article freely accepts that privatizing the coal industry through the sale of individual pits or groups of pits...

This would necessitate a generous policy to cope with the social adjustments...

Nationalized industries, 1981-82

Table with 5 columns: Industry, Turnover £m, Capital employed £m, Workforce 000s, % change in workforce since 1978-80. Rows include Electricity industry, British Telecom, National Coal Board, British Steel, etc.

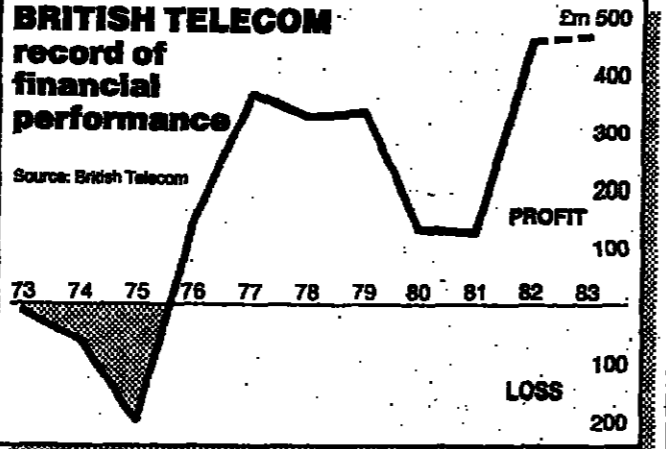
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which would not only lighten the overall burden but also make it very difficult for any successive government to renationalize...

The review of small business policy has been prompted by a survey done for Shell UK by its consultancy...

The right-wing institute of Economic Affairs has called on the government to privatize the post office...

er, under secretary of state at the Department of Trade and Industry...



PO and Telecom set for record profits

By Bill Johnston, Electronics Correspondent

Two of Britain's most profitable nationalized industries, the Post Office and British Telecom, report their full-year figures...

The Post Office is expected to confirm profits of about £136m, twice the target and £40m over the previous year...

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Co-op agrees to merger

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The first step towards a merger of the profitable cooperative Wholesale Society (CWS) and the biggest cooperative retailer, Cooperative Retail Services (CRS)...

It signals a more competitive stance by the ailing Co-op, whose retail performance has been sliding...

The retail co-op sales were up only 2.5 per cent last year. Although profits rose 3 per cent at the trading level...

Mr Ron Dearing, chairman, is however, still critical of the negative financial limits imposed on the corporation...

An announcement is expected this week, probably tomorrow, on the results of the talks...

The likely announcement is of a joint CWS-CRS holding board being set up to concert trading policies...

There would be a manufacturing, procurement and distribution arm equivalent to CWS's and a retailing arm largely equivalent to CRS.

Opec convenes in triumphant mood

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

Oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meet in Helsinki today...

The new reference price of \$29-a-barrel agreed at Opec's crisis talks in London in March has held, despite considerable scepticism...

The \$5-a-barrel price cut in March was accompanied by an agreement to place an overall ceiling on Opec production...

Although Opec has recovered from its nadir of 14 million barrels a day in March, it is still running below the level of the ceiling...

Nigeria's pricing and production policies are also expected to come under scrutiny...

Mr Peter Greenwood, international sales manager of equipment supplier Charles F Thackray, of Leeds...

British companies exhibiting at a Havana medical exhibition last week appear to have made a good impression...

The Cuban health minister opening the British Overseas Trade Board joint venture was particularly impressed by one piece of machinery...

Mr Peter Greenwood, international sales manager of equipment supplier Charles F Thackray, of Leeds...

The minister told me he'd had a knee operation which had kept him three weeks in hospital...

Mr Greenwood promptly showed him Thackray's arthroscope, which sells for between £1,500 and £5,000...

Delight at the subsequent appearance of several doctors turned to joy when President Fidel Castro arrived to peer into the arthroscope...

Mr Pollington said: "The response was quite remarkable. We were all delighted and confident business is going to grow."

City Editor's Comment

Trade vision clouded by cut-price dealing

Trade talks over export credits subsidies have turned even nastier, with France once again cast as the prima donna...

M Jacques Delors, finance minister, has told EEC counterparts that he will not accept a compromise on a new consensus for manufactured goods...

European trade officials believe that this could rebound badly on the French - with the US demanding that the Common Agricultural Policy be included in talks...

The French were so incensed by a deal the Americans did in January - undercutting them by up to \$15 a tonne...

US trade officials admit that they poached sales, in a traditional French market to demonstrate that they could fight dirty too...

It has changed the way it subsidized agricultural goods last autumn, going over to "blender credits"...

One European trade adviser said: "If the Americans actually agreed to negotiate on agricultural products, the French would find themselves isolated..."

However, doubts have emerged in the BBC over escalating costs. Press reports at the weekend said the BBC was considering dropping its plan to use a British-built satellite in favour of a much cheaper American one...

Doubts on BBC satellite

At the very least, the BBC seems determined to negotiate a cheaper price for Unisat, which wants £24m a year from the corporation...

The BBC may revise its timetable for direct broadcasting by satellite. No decision has been taken, but BBC officials are sticking to estimates that the project is 60 per cent likely to go ahead under the scheme announced last year...

They would provide broadcasting via a new type of British communications satellite called Unisat, which is being built by a consortium consisting of British Telecom, British Aerospace and GEC-Marconi...

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TSB to launch fund for capital growth

The Trustee Savings Bank has announced the sale of a new money market capital fund to exploit guaranteed securities for capital appreciation...

TSB says it is aiming at people with funds set aside for a known liability or those who fund a liquidity reserve. The fund will be open-ended and operate like a unit trust...

Applications open on August 3 and must be for a minimum 2,000 participating shares.

Congress fears more state rescues Chrysler revival starts storm

From Bailey Morris, Washington

In addition, he said the company, which lost all access to credit in 1980, now had \$1.5bn in cash. Mr Iacocca said he wanted to pay off the loan so that Chrysler could operate without having to go before a special government loan board for permission...

Three years ago, Chrysler was in a poor state, having lost an estimated \$1.7bn, and sometimes without enough cash to pay employees or pressing bills. The fact that the company was able to reverse its fortunes in under three years has been cited by many influential officials as reason for the Government to take similar action again...

Professor Malcolm Sauter, of Harvard Business School, said: "We are going to see a situation like this again and it would be useful to institutionalize the approach so we can deal with it in less chaotic ways".

who believe it is no longer politically possible for the Government to allow a big company such as Chrysler to fail. But there are equally strong critics of government intervention who believe that Federal rescue programmes go against the traditional free market philosophy of the United States...

Many analysts believe that the Chrysler performance would be difficult to duplicate. Mr Iacocca's expert management and salesmanship were considered key to the company's success and there were other important ingredients. The unions, for example, because of the company's dire financial circumstances, made wage concessions which cut costs dramatically...

This was done despite a drastic reduction in the number of full-time employees from 130,000 in 1979 to 74,000 last year.

Mr Iacocca, chairman, said he expected Chrysler to earn a profit of \$900m this year.

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Capitalization and week's change

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(Current market price multi-fund by the number of shares in issue for the stock word)

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Gloomy forecast for engineering giant

Nothing seems to have gone right for Davy Corporation, since the Monopolies Commission blocked a 100-a-share bid from the Texas-based energy and construction group, Enserch Corporation, in September 1981.

Friday sees full-year figures from the company which is Britain's biggest plant engineering contractor. The market, which over the past week has marked the share price down to a new low of 44p, expects no better than £20m of pretax profits against £20.4m last year. One or two wilder souls are going for breakeven or worse.

At half time, when the company reported a slump in profits to just over £3m, the interim dividend was halved. The axe is expected to be applied in a similar way to the final. With no upturn in prospect and chronic overcapacity in the sort of plant that Davy builds, things are going to look bleak for the company for at least another year and a half.

By contrast, MFI Furniture Group, which reports full-year figures on Tuesday, has been experiencing buoyant demand. It is the country's largest furniture retailing group, and brokers expect it to produce pretax profits of between £24m

and £29m against £15.1m last time. Of its 123 stores, a third have been started from scratch, relocated or refurbished over the last year.

The group has also been trading up by selling a significant proportion of its products under the Hygena label in the last six months.

The results are expected to coincide with an announcement that the group will be expanding its product range into electrical goods.

This week sees interim statements from two discount houses, Alexander and Union. Discount houses, which are at a five-year low against the FT All-share index despite the gently

downward path in interest rates, merely make a statement in trading and announce a dividend at the half-way stage, preferring to leave figures to the full-year report.

They generally do well out of falling interest rates so it is perhaps surprising that their shares should be in such disfavour. Alexander's prospectively yields 11.2 per cent, while even Union, the largest and most highly-rated of the lot, gives an income of as much as 8.4 per cent.

The stockbroking firm, Montagu, Loebli Stanley, an expert on the sector, believes that lack of investment confidence can be attributed to the wariness of potential investors after the disasters of recent years, and to a belief that the way the authorities intervene in the money markets is likely to be changed during the course of this administration. It nevertheless continues to recommend purchases of stock in the sector.

Hogg Robinson, the insurance broker, reports weekly figures on Tuesday. Hogg does not do much business in the United States, depriving its profits of the kind of currency gain that brokers with a higher exposure on the other side of the Atlantic are getting. Brokers nevertheless expect pretax profits to rise by about £500,000 to about £9m.

Perhaps as much as £2m of these profits are expected to come from Lloyd's underwriting agencies from which the group will have to divest at some stage.

Jeremy Warner

Focus on US money policy

The markets this week will be preoccupied by the question of what is happening to public borrowing in Britain and by events across the Atlantic where Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, will be reporting to Congress on the conduct of money policy over the next 12 months.

Mr Volcker's remarks to the Senate banking committee last week that the Fed had been tightening credit policy and that short-term rates could rise, albeit not by much, sent the dollar soaring on Friday.

This puts upward pressure on interest rates at home, though the authorities will probably prefer to take the strain on the

dollar exchange rate rather than countenance a rise in rates which would inhibit economic recovery. An imminent rise in British rates looks unlikely.

The public sector borrowing requirement for the first quarter of the financial year, which is published on Thursday, may also provide some reassurance.

Analysts expect the PSBR to be under £4,000m without seasonal adjustment, and perhaps less than £2,000m when seasonal factors are taken into account, which would put the Government more or less on track for its full-year target of £3,200m.

Much of the huge jump in central government borrowing -

totaling £5,460m in the first quarter of 1983-84 - reflects lending to local councils and state industries which has gone to repay loans from other sources, leaving overall public borrowing unchanged.

But residual doubts about the extent of public spending remain, despite the Chancellor's recent £1,800m package of cuts.

Also set this week are June, provisional retail sales (today), May average earnings, May construction orders and first-quarter company borrowing (Wednesday), second-quarter consumer spending and June cyclical indicators (Thursday) and April engineering sales and orders (Friday).

Technology

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • USM Review

Rayford makes its supreme City start

Dealings begin this morning... Rayford set up by Mr Ray Horney, aged 47, in 1960. He joined forces with an associate to open a showroom in Brighton selling washing machines and vacuum cleaners.

world. Technology for Business is now the largest supplier of computer systems to the legal profession in the UK with an annual turnover of nearly £2.5m. Now Mr Bion and his board are looking for additional cash to expand the business by organic growth and acquisition.

Broker Greene & Co is offering 750,000 shares at 100p a share valuing the entire company at £3m. Of the total amount offered 550,000 shares are being sold by the directors, while the remaining 200,000 shares are expected to raise a total of £121,000 for extra working capital.

probably stems from the group's abysmal trading record. This culminated in losses of £2.85m pretax in 1981 followed by a lesser figure of £431,000 in 1982. Last year the group made pretax profits of £245,000 on sales of £2.4m and for the current year is forecasting profits of £270,000 along with a total gross dividend of 6d.

Mr Bion is anxious to make several acquisitions, but admits he has so far been rebuffed. "A stock exchange quote will offer clients security," he says. At present the group has more than 400 systems installed in the United Kingdom. One of the best performers on the USM last week was Micro Focus, the microcomputer software group, where the shares leapt 12 3/4 to 52 3/4 after some

better than expected interim figures. These revealed a pretax profit of £747,000 against a loss last time of £308,000. Mr Brian Reynolds, chairman of the group which came to market earlier this year by way of a minimum tender price of 150p, says an exceptionally low level of costs is responsible for the increase. Michael Clark

American notebook

Now markets fear money explosion

Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve chairman, made it clear in his testimony to the Senate Banking Committee last week that the central bank has not lightened money growth significantly and has no intention of doing so. The announcement on Friday of a huge rise in the money supply M1 underlined the point. Money is not tight in America. The banks are highly liquid and the financial markets fear a money explosion.

Unlisted Securities

Table with columns: Capitalisation, Company, Price, Change, Dividend, etc. Lists various unlisted securities and their market performance.

Legal threat hangs over shares sale

Metal Sciences (Holdings) comes to the USM this week facing the threat of court action to prevent its directors taking out a patent on the company's discovery of a new process for producing shotblasting grit.

PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS. Joint Receivers have for sale the goodwill and assets of DPC Electronics Limited, based in Stelmersdale. Turnover equivalent to approximately £3 million p.a. Leasehold factory of 48,000 sq. feet.

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Eurobonds prices (yields and premiums). Table listing various Eurobonds with their prices, yields, and premiums.

£130m deal for Biwater. Biwater, the civil engineering group, has won a £130m three-year contract to design, install and initially manage schemes to supply water to more than 500,000 people in Nigeria.

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Rowlinson Mr P. J. Rowlinson, Chairman, reports on the year ended 31st March, 1983. Pre-tax profit up to £720,000. Rental income unchanged. Borrowings reduced by over £1 million, and now only 24% of shareholders' funds.

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George Wimpey: Mr John W. Wines has joined the executive board and will become man of George Wimpey's...

Bailey Morris in Washington outlines the sharp divisions in an intense debate about the country's future

US battles over new industrial policies



America at work: a foundry at East Moline, Illinois

For the first time in 50 years, Americans have embarked on a national search for a set of industrial policies designed to reorganize the batteries of the world's largest economy.

A system of either national or regional industrial banks that would make long-term low-interest loans to older industries which agree to meet stringent modernization deadlines.

Another specialist who supports a comprehensive approach to the US industrial problem finds these predicted results unacceptable. Dr Gar Alperovitz...

Mr Reagan reiterated his support for a popular theory known as the law of comparative advantage which is based on the notion that competition forces industries to become increasingly specialized in what they do best...

There is a strong fear in some quarters, however, that in examining the policies of other countries the United States will concentrate on Japan while ignoring the policies of Western Europe whose cultural traditions are much closer.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Table with columns: Stock, Dividend Yield, Price, etc. Lists various fixed-interest stocks and their performance metrics.

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The Open: Victory goes to the best putter in the world under pressure as the three-putting Faldo drops out

Watson's five-pointed star in the ascendant over a faltering Faldo

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Tom Watson, with characteristic courage, won his fifth Open Championship...



Teeing off: Faldo, the sole British hope, going through the hoops at Royal Birkdale.

Marsh takes advice from Japan to challenge lead

By Lewis Mack

Shortly after he had posted his 64, Graham Marsh spoke of the new 'Japanese takeover'...

Marsh, who won the Yomiuri Open in Japan after making the change...

Marsh's wife, Julie, who is happily incorporating the Japanese action in her own 15-handicap game...

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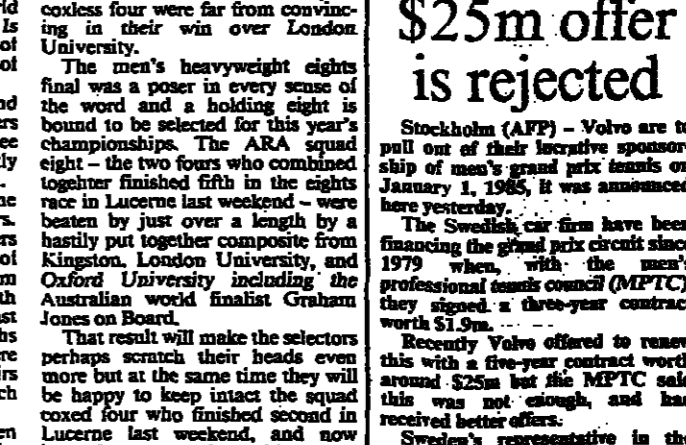
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Marsh: some got away

Nick Faldo, the only British hope, achieved the early play with three successive birdies...

Faldo thus shared joint eighth position with two other home players in Christy O'Connor...

The long 13th suggested signs of strain on Faldo, for he putted out well short from 15 yards...

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From John Willcockson, Saint Etienne

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Simon won the day's first rush sprint bonus to close within 40 seconds of Simon on overall time...

FOR THE RECORD

Section containing various sports records and news snippets, including tennis, golf, and other sports.

Problems for British selectors

By Jim Railton

The National Rowing Championships of Great Britain produced makers of records and just a few surprises...

Liberty on course for victory

By John Nicholls

Ian Porter and Tim Hancock, fresh from their success in winning the Defender trophy...

Volvo pull out after \$25m offer is rejected

Stockholm (AP) - Volvo are to pull out of their lucrative sponsorship...

The Swedish car firm have been financing the grand prix circuit since 1979...

Another blow to US defence

Zurich (Reuters) - Kathy Jordan has withdrawn from the United States team...

Miss Jordan pulled out last night after failing to recover from a leg injury...

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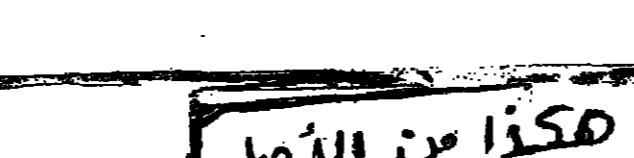
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Lotus come back overnight after being driven to despair

Alain Prost came the first Frenchman to win a formula one world championship race in Great Britain when he drove his Renault-Elf to a thrilling victory...

Mansell: "transformation"

It was being fitted to the car and at 6.0 Mansell was being woken up to try it. By this time the team's engine specialist has collapsed in the pits from exhaustion...

With more than 100 two-year-olds in his care at the start of the season the odds were on Henry Cecil having a good success rate from that age group...

Trojan Fen is a credit to Troy

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent. Following Trojan Fen's impressive victory in the Donington Castle Stakes at Newbury...

Yorkshire Oaks next for classic heroine

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent. John Dunlop's attempt to win a second Irish classic this season was foiled at the Curragh on Saturday...

Tony McGilone shows Piggott the way home in Newbury's Morland Brewery Trophy

he is. Willie Carson tried all his might to make a race of it on the Carbonifer but Trojan Fen passed the other three lengths to the good, with Lester Piggott sitting motionless.

he was at Newmarket watching Tony Ives excel on that much-improved sprinter Regga. By winning the Overton Maiden Stakes, Aylesfield ended Goff Wag's long lean spell which has lasted since Teanoco was the Derby.

though he was beaten a neck and half a length by those two, it could be said fairly that he took the honours, if not the lion's share of the prize money.

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His own new 94T had failed to complete a single flying lap during the two days of qualifying because of an elusive electrical breakdown. In the end the car's wiring loom was ripped out and a new one made by a specialist working for 12 hours at his home.

Accordingly, he sent her to Hattershall - December sales at 118,000 guineas, carrying as it turned out, Saturday's hero. The purchaser was John van Geest for his Waresley Park Stud. Some 22 miles from Newmarket, he produced up to Newmarket again where he was bought by the BBA.

Cram poised to book his 1500m place for Helsinki

By Pat Butcher. Steve Cram looks to be his to run on 3min 45sec in Nice tonight to be considered for a 1,500 metres place in the British team for the world championships in Helsinki in three weeks time.

Cain keeps cool to take title

By David Powell. Bill Cain, of Saltwell Harriers, became the least established athlete ever to win the Inter-Counties 20-mile championship when he achieved a surprise victory at Belgrave on Saturday.

Ayr programme

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Wolverhampton

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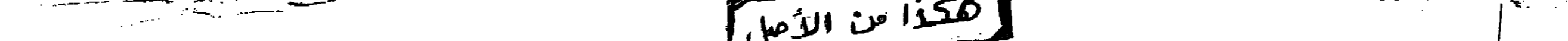
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

Coastal All News headlines, weather and sports details. Also available to those viewers with television sets without the teletext facility. Breakfast Time with Frank...

TV-am

Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, and 10.30.

ITV/LONDON

2.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street 10.25 Science International. A look at scientific research, narrated by Michael Bentine...

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: People Into Politics. 6.55 Maths: Matrices. 7.20 Technology: A Milk Run. 7.45 The Marriage of Figaro. 8.10 Closedown. 10.30 Closedown.

CHOICE

House of Lords. The general atmosphere of the Upper House will come as welcome relief after the buffetings of bed-rock politics. The puny-looking but in fact hardy baby harp stars in ICE LOVERS (BBC1, 8.50pm).

Radio 4

8.00 News briefing. 8.10 Farming Week. 8.20 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 8.55, 9.25 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today in Review. 8.25, 8.35 Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

Radio 3

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Radio 1

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CHANNEL 4

5.30 A Kind of Living. The perennials programme in the self-sufficiency genre. Presented by Susan Penhaligon. From the National Centre for Alternative Technology...

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ENTERTAINMENTS: A large grid of advertisements for various theatres, including the Royal Opera, National Theatre, and numerous regional venues. Listings include plays like 'The Merchant of Venice', 'A Christmas Carol', and 'The Firm', along with concert and gallery information.

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